



Competition Tribunal: COVID-19 Procedures – 17 March 2020

On the 15th of March 2020, the State President declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a national state of disaster. Accordingly, he has shut designated ports of entry as well as all schools. Government remains open. The Tribunal remains open.

Government's prime objective is to slow the rate of infection. To this end the Tribunal will make hand sanitisers widely available on its premises and adhere to the Social Distancing protocol.

- **All matters on the roll will be heard as scheduled.** Given the fluidity of the situation, notice of any change to the roll will be given as soon as practicably possible.
- In order to effect the **Social Distancing** protocol we will maintain a one-metre distance of attendees in the courtroom. The maximum capacity of the Tribunal's court rooms has accordingly been reduced. Parties must restrict the number of legal practitioners and representatives from their clients to those who are required for the matters on the roll, and to liaise with the relevant case managers in this regard.
- The Tribunal will keep a **register** of all persons attending hearings, including their relevant **travel history**.
- We encourage **people** who are **at risk to self-isolate**. These are people who are symptomatic, the elderly and those with pre-existing medical conditions. Staff of the Tribunal must follow the necessary protocols with HR with regards to self-isolating.

At this time the business of the Tribunal will be conducted on its premises. In the event that the President declares any further restriction that impacts the Tribunal, it will consider the practicality of virtual hearings and communicate such accordingly.

Yours sincerely

Mondo Mazwai

Tribunal Chair