

## BARGAINING COUNCIL FOR THE FOOD RETAIL, RESTAURANT, CATERING & ALLIED TRADES

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**TO:** EMPLOYERS, EMPLOYEES, TRADE UNIONS, EMPLOYER ORGANISATIONS, USERS AND PANELISTS

## **DIRECTIVE BY THE COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF COVID 19**

- A. The Council has noted the Directive issued by the President of the Republic of South Africa.
- B. The Council has also noted the Directive issued by the Director of the CCMA on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020.
- C. This directive will apply with effect 19 March 2020 until and including 14 April 2020. We will assess this directive as to whether or not to extend this directive beyond 14 April 2020.
  - No person will be allowed to walk into the Council offices for the purpose of enquiries, filing of documents or attending cases.
  - 2. All matters enrolled between 19<sup>th</sup> March and 14<sup>th</sup> April 2020 (both dates included) are hereby postponed. The Commissioner will, on the day of the set down, between 9:00 to 10:00 contact both parties telephonically in an attempt to settle the dispute. This applies irrespective of the nature of the set down that is conciliation, con/arb or arbitration
  - 3. All documents are to be forwarded to the Council either by e-mail (<a href="mailto:recep.food@mweb.co.za">recep.food@mweb.co.za</a>) or by fax 012 341 0722.
  - 4. Designated Agents will be conducting investigations via the office.
  - 5. All postponed cases will be re-scheduled as soon as the Council has received a new directive.

Kind Regards

Monica Basilio

**Chief Administrative Officer**