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Dear Valued Member

APPLICATION OF THE GRADUAL RELAXATION OF LOCKDOWN ON THE RETAIL MOTOR INDUSTRY

President Cyril Ramaphosa announced a phased relaxation of the strict lockdown provisions last night, and introduced five levels of gradual resumption of economic activity.

The description of the various economic sectors in the schedules associated with each level of lockdown, is very rudimentary and on face value, makes no specific reference to the retail motor industry.

The National Education, Development and Labour Council (Nedlac) is meeting during this coming weekend in order to determine which economic sectors will slot into which level of relaxation. We are therefore unfortunately not in a position at this time to advise members when they can expect to be allowed to resume trading. We assure you once we have received feedback from Nedlac, we will advise members without delay.

In the interim, South Africa remains at level five, the highest and most stringent level of lockdown until 30 April 2020. Members are requested to abide by the conditions associated with level 5. We will enter level four on 1 May.

Currently the general interpretation from the information available is that we fall into level 3, however we need to await the announcements in this regard.

We will continue to lobby government to assign importance to the retail motor industry and designate the industry at level 4. The basis for this submission is that our industry needs to keep the wheels of the economy rolling once a gradual relaxation of lockdown has commenced and normal economic activity resumes.

We will keep Members apprised of developments as and when they occur.

Best regards, and stay safe in these times.



JAKKIE OLIVIER
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