

RESPONSE TO COVID-19 EMERGENCY FOR APPROVAL OF SECTION 22A(11)(a) AND 22A(9)(a) PERMITS IN TERMS OF MEDICINES AND RELATED SUBSTANCES ACT, 1965 (ACT NO. 101 OF 1965)

The Minister of Health has delegated the function of approving the above-mentioned permits for imports, export and possession to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of SAHPRA, Dr Boitumelo Semete-Makokotlela for a period of three months effective 27 March 2020.

The Applicants must submit their applications via email to sec22a_permits@sahpra.org.za The application will be processed as normal and if approved by the CEO, she will sign the permit and the electronic copy of the permit will be emailed to the Applicant within 15 working days of application.

The delegation to the CEO is for the following:

- a) Section 22A(11)(a) of the Medicines and Related Substances Act, 1965 (Act No. 101 of 1965) as amended; read with Regulation 27 of the General Regulations (Act No. 101 of 1965) for import and export permits; and
- b) Section 22A(9)(a)(i)(ii) of the Medicines and Related Substances Act, 1965 (Act No. 101 of 1965) as amended; read with Regulation 26 of the General Regulations (Act No. 101 of 1965) for possession, manufacturing, research and analytical permits.

The International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) will also be informed of this developments to enable continued access of these medicines during the national lockdown period.

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