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## CHASA MEMBER ADVICE

### RENEWAL OF FIREARM LICENCE DURING LOCKDOWN

Dear CHASA Members

Two days prior to the commencement of the national Covid19 lockdown the CHASA CEO addressed a letter to the head of the Central Firearm Registry, Brig Mabule, requesting guidance for our members relating specifically to renewing of lapsing firearm licences during the lockdown period. In particular we asked whether DFO offices would function through the lockdown, whether travelling to police stations to hand in licence renewal applications would be allowed as essential travel, and specifically for Sec 16 applicants who may struggle to get required supporting documents from accredited associations which may be closed, would CFR condone late renewal of firearm licences after the lockdown ends.

It is sadly unsurprising that this letter was totally ignored as has been the case with every other communication to Brig Mabule for some years now. His commander, head of FLASH unit, the Secretary of Police and the Content Advisor of the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee for Police were all copied into the email, as we do on most important correspondence to the CFR. Nevertheless, this high-level oversight notwithstanding, Brig Mabule has refused, and continues to refuse, to even acknowledge our various correspondence. One can only wonder what causes such disdain and contempt from him for the associations duly accredited as key components of the Firearm Control Act.

Information coming in from our own sources indicates that in some cases the DFO offices are functioning normally, or near to normal. In other cases, the DFO offices are closed altogether. Based on past attitude we must assume that Brig Mabule will attempt to enforce the harshest interpretation of the act and regulations, and is unlikely to offer any grace to those caught up due to the lockdown who fail to get their applications for renewal submitted within the validity period of their expiring licence. We therefore suggest that you make every effort to comply wherever possible and do your renewal applications within the prescribed period. Should you find your DFO office closed then enquire at the charge office as to what options may exist. Ask the duty officer to stamp and date that you were present, and that the DFO is closed due to the lockdown. Ask them to enter your visit into the incident report book, and make a note of the reference number. Be calm and polite, remembering that our SAPS officials are bearing the brunt of the burden in these difficult times. Please keep all information relating to your efforts, whether you succeed or not, as we will undoubtedly need this factual information afterwards should we need to act to protect member's interests. Quality information will be key to our collective success in this regard.

Good luck and be safe. Please do comply with the spirit of the lockdown which is in everybody's best interests, and when it gets you down, remember that many folks are in far worse circumstances with this than the typical hunter & firearm owner is likely to be in. hopefully there will be something left of the 2020 hunting season when we are able to safely resume a normal life again.

Kind Regards

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## CHASA LEDE ADVIES

### HERNUWING VAN VUURWAPEN LISENSIE TYDENS INPERKING

Geagte Lede

Twee dae voor die aanvang van die nasionale COVID 19 Inperkingsperiode het die HUB van CHASA 'n brief aan die Hoof van die Sentrale Vuurwapen Register, Brigadier Mabule gerig, waarin hy versoek word om leiding te gee aan ons lede, spesifiek met betrekking tot die hernuwing van vuurwapenlisensies wat gedurende hierdie periode verstryk het. Ons het spesifiek versoek of die DFO kantore van die SAPD gedurende die inperkingsperiode gaan funksioneer, of die reis na Polisiestasies om lisensie hernuwings toegelaat sal word en geag sal word as 'n noodsaaklike diens en veral vir Artikel 16 aansoekers wie sukel om die verlangde ondersteuningsdokumente van geakkrediteerde lidverenigings te bekom wat moontlik gesluit is en in sulke gevalle of die SVR die indiening van hernuwing van vuurwapenlisensies sal aanvaar na beëindiging van die Inperking.

Dit is egter uiters teleurstellend dat hierdie skrywe totaal geignoreer is soos die geval was met alle kommunikasie wat met Brigadier Mabule reeds oor 'n paar jaar tot nou toe gevoer is. Sy tweede in bevel, Hoof van die "FLASH" eenheid, die Sekretaris van Polisie en die Hoof Adviseur van die Parlementêre Portfolio Komitee vir Polisie het almal 'n afskrif van hierdie betrokke skrywe per epos ontvang, soos wat die gebruik is wanneer ons baie belangrike korrespondensie aan die SVR rig. Ten spyte van hierdie hoë profiel oorsig van uiters belangrike sake weier Brigadier Mabule om te reageer en versuim hy steeds voort om selfs erkenning van ontvangs korrespondensie te doen. 'n Mens kan slegs wonder wat veroorsaak sulke drastiese drakoniese optrede deur hom teenoor lidverenigings wat wetlik geakkrediteer is en sleutelpunte is van die Wet op die Beheer van Vuurwapens.

Volgens inligting uit ons eie interne bronne dui dit daarop dat in sommige gevalle, die DFO Kantore normaalweg of so na as moontlik funksioneer. In ander gevalle is die DFO Kantore totaal gesluit. Gebasseer op sy optrede in die verlede, moet ons aanvaar dat Brigadier Mabule sal poog om die uiterste streng vertolking van die Wet en Regulasies op ons af te dwing en is dit te betwyfel of hy enige gracie sal verleen aan persone wat in die inperkings periode vasgevang is en verhinder word om hulle aansoeke vir hernuwings in te dien, binne die voorgeskrewe tyd wanneer hulle lisensies verval.

Ons wil dus voorstel dat u alle moontlike pogings sal aanwend om te voldoen aan die vereistes om u hernuwingsaansoeke binne die voorgeskrewe periode in te dien. Indien die DFO Kantoor gesluit is dan moet u by die aanklagkantoor van die Polisie navraag doen watter alternatiewe opsies daar is wat u kan volg. Vra die diensoffisier om 'n papier te stempel en die datum daarop aan te bring as bewys dat u teenwoordig was, maar dat die DFO Kantoor gesluit is weens die inperkingsperiode.

Versoek die offisier aan diens om 'n inskrywing in hul incident register te maak van jou besoek en maak 'n nota van die verwysingsnommer. Wees kalm en beleefd, met inagneming van die omstandighede waarmee SAPD beampies te kampe het en moet verduur in hierdie moeilike tyd. Hou asseblief alle inligting op skrif met betrekking tot u pogings, of u suksesvol is of nie, aangesien ons verseker hierdie inligting na afloop van die inperking sal benodig om op te tree om ons lede se belang te beskerm. Inligting van hoë gehalte sal die sleutel wees om kollektiewe sukses te behaal in hierdie verband.

Sterkte met u pogings en bly asseblief veilig. U moet asseblief voldoen aan die gees van die inperking waarin ons verkeer wat in almal se belang is en wanneer dit u onderkry, onthou dat daar baie ander persone is wat in erger omstandighede verkeer as die van dié tipiese jagter en vuurwapeneienaar. Ons hoop dat daar nog iets van die 2020 jagseisoen sal oorbly sodat ons weer met ons normale lewe en bedrywighede kan voortgaan.

Vriendelike Groete

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