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**DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS: HEAD OFFICE
PROVINCES
BORDER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
(NBMCC)
PORTS OF ENTRY**

**EXTENSION OF OPERATIONAL HOURS AT SELECTED PORTS OF ENTRY FOR THE
2021/22 FESTIVE PERIOD.**

Peak periods are characterised by the increase of traveller movement between South Africa and her neighbours. One of the operational responses to deal with potential congestion at ports, is the extension of operational hours to allow for continued movement during peak periods.

The upcoming 2021/22 Festive season, is one such period when we request the Minister of Home Affairs (as the responsible Authority) to consider the proposal to extent hours temporarily. Stakeholders at ports of entry and the countries sharing borders with the Republic of South Africa have been engaged and agreed on the dates to effect the extended operational hours reflected below:

Port of Entry	Current Hours	Extended Hours	Periods/Dates
Lebombo	06:00 – 00:00	24 hours	09 Dec 2021 – 10 Jan 2022
Oshoek	07:00 – 00:00	24 hours	10 Dec 2021 – 31 Jan 2022
Kosibay	08:00 – 17:00	07:00 – 18:00	15 Dec 2021 – 10 Jan 2022
Caledonspoort	06:00 – 22:00	06:00 – 00:00	15 Dec 2021 23 Dec 2021 24 Dec 2021 02 Jan 2022 03 Jan 2022

Van Rooyensgate	06:00 – 22:00	06:00 – 00:00	15 December 2021 17 December 2021 23 December 2021 24 December 2021 02 January 2022
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The Minister of Home Affairs has approved the extension of operational hours for Ports of Entry as listed above. The extended hours shall come into effect as indicated above and the Minister has the prerogative to withdraw the extension of hours if necessary. It should be noted that we are still managing port operations under the COGTA Regulations that requires compliance and enforcement of the curfew. It is the responsibility of port managers to ensure that the extension of hours as reflected in their respective operational plans is enforced within the broader approved time frames.

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The contents of this circular must be brought to the attention of all personnel and stakeholders involved in border management environment.