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## **DIRECTIVE 08/2020**

27<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### **RE: COVID-19 Pandemic: Periti considered as vulnerable Individuals**

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Health Mr Chris Fearne gave notice of new restrictions that will be brought into force on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

These measures include an order prohibiting vulnerable individuals from leaving their place of residence. The list of vulnerable groups published in the [COVID Bulletin Issue No 15](#) includes:

- Persons who are 65 years or older
- Persons with chronic illnesses, including:
  - diabetic persons who are dependent on insulin
  - persons on biological medicines
  - persons who are facing or who have faced cancer or chemotherapy in the last 6 months
  - persons undergoing immunosuppression such as persons who have had a transplant
  - persons who have HIV
  - persons on dialysis
- pregnant women
- persons who have respiratory illnesses and who were admitted to hospital in the last year
- persons with heart illnesses who have had a medical intervention in the last 6 months, persons who attend the heart failure clinic
- all persons on oral steroids

In addition, those who live with people in this category will have to observe the lockdown or find alternative accommodation.

In view of such restrictions, and until further notice, *periti* in the above categories, or who live with people in such categories are to immediately notify their clients of the restrictions imposed on them. In addition *periti* affected by these restrictions, and who are not in a position to delegate their responsibilities, are to follow the procedures outlined below.



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1. For all works where the closure of the construction site<sup>1</sup> does not pose any risk of danger or damage to the site itself or adjacent third parties<sup>2</sup>, immediately submit a Notification COVID-19 KTP-01 (Vulnerable persons) no risk using the template provided.
2. For all works where the closure of the construction site poses a risk of minor damage to the site and/or adjacent third parties, immediately submit a Notification COVID-19 KTP-02 using the template provided. In this case, the Developer<sup>3</sup> is to be notified to forward such Notification to all affected third parties. It is recommended that you advise the Developer and their appointed Contractor/s to also submit to their respective insurance providers.
3. For works where the closure of the construction site poses a risk of significant damage to, and/or a risk to the structural stability of, the site and/or adjacent third parties, immediately submit a Request for dispensation COVID-19 KTP 03 (Vulnerable persons) risk to structural stability or significant damage using the template provided. In this case, no works that require the direction of the perit are to proceed until the dispensation is issued from the Superintendent of Public Health, and thereafter works are to proceed strictly in accordance with the content of the request for dispensation. In this case, the Developer is to be notified to inform any affected third parties. Once the works for which dispensation has been granted are complete, the *perit* is to proceed in accordance with points 1 or 2 accordingly.
4. For works outlined in point 3 above, and where the *perit* is minded to not request dispensation from the Superintendent in view of the overriding reasons of public health, the *perit* is to immediately contact the *Kamra tal-Periti* for further guidance, outlining the sites which pose concern and the proposed way forward accordingly. Reference is also made to Directive 07/20 in this regard.

With respect to the cases outlined in point 3 above, *periti* are also encouraged to contact the *Kamra tal-Periti* if they require any specific guidance depending on the nature of the works under way.

In all cases, the relevant Notices are to be submitted to the following:

### **Superintendent of Public Health:**

<sup>1</sup> For the purposes of this Directive a “*construction site*” means any open site where ongoing works involve demolition, site clearance, excavation, construction, finishes and/or services, and which are being carried out under your direction;

<sup>2</sup> For the purposes of this Directive “*adjacent third parties*” means any third party and/or their property and includes private and/or public third parties as well as the general public;

<sup>3</sup> For the purposes of this Directive “*developer*” has the same meaning ascribed to it in Legal Notice 136 of 2019.



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[sph.health@gov.mt](mailto:sph.health@gov.mt)

**Building and Construction Agency:**

Upload to Eapps under the Avoidance of Damage to Third Parties tab

**Planning Authority:**

Upload to Eapps under Correspondence

**Commissioner of Police:**

Via email to [pulizija@gov.mt](mailto:pulizija@gov.mt)

**Local Council of the Locality:**

Via email – refer to <https://localgovernment.gov.mt/en/lc/Pages/Local-Councils-Landing-Page.aspx/>

**Kamra tal-Periti:**

[buildingregs@kamratalperiti.org](mailto:buildingregs@kamratalperiti.org)

**Your Professional Indemnity Insurance provider:**

As applicable

**Additionally to (as applicable):**

Client and/or site owner/s; Mason; Contractor/s; Project Supervisor in terms of LN 88 of 2018; any appointed Consultants

***The relevant notices are to be issued on your letterhead and may be amended accordingly depending on the specific situation.***

In addition, in all cases, the Project Supervisor is to be specifically instructed to ensure that the site is sealed off to prevent access by unauthorised persons.

As at the time of issuance of this Directive, the relevant Legal Notice had not as yet been published by Government. In view of this, periti are requested to follow further notifications from the Kamra that may slightly alter or affect this Directive once the Legal Notice is published.

**Perit Simone Vella Lenicker  
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