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## CIRCULAR 09 / 2022

**FROM : CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
**TO : MUNICIPAL MANAGERS/CITY MANAGERS**  
**CC : DIRECTORS COMMUNITY SERVICES/ENVIROMENTAL HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS**

**DATE : 31 MARCH 2022**

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**RE: REQUEST FOR INPUTS INTO THE DRAFT HEALTH REGULATIONS AMMENDMENTS FOR POST COVID 19 DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT**

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On Sunday 15 March 2020, President Cyril Ramaphosa announced a 'national state of disaster' to enable the government to introduce measures to combat the spread of Covid-19 within South Africa. The 15 March 2022 marked two years since the declaration of the national State of Disaster.

The President of the Republic of South Africa in his address to the nation on the 22 March 2022 covid-19 measures indicated government's intention to lift the nationwide national state of disaster and the publication of Health regulations that will manage the Country's response covid-19.

On the 15 of March 2022, the Minister of Health published the following proposed amendments to health regulations for public comments:

1. 1822 National Health Act (61/2003): Regulations relating to the surveillance and the control of notifiable medical conditions
2. 1883 International Health Regulations Act (28/1974): Regulations relating to public health measures in points of entry
3. 1884 National Health Act (61/2003): Regulations relating to the management of human remains
4. 1885 National Health Act (61/2003): Regulations relating to environmental health

The proposed amendments to the regulations are intended to update the existing health regulatory environment in order to strengthen the ability to respond to health emergencies outside the declaration of the state of disaster.

The closing date for the submission of comments is the 15 April 2022.

The South African Local Government Association in line with its mandate of representation, advocacy and lobby is collecting and will be consolidating local government comments on the amendments to the draft health regulations amendments. It is in this regard that SALGA requests municipalities to make comments into the attached regulations for consolidation and submission by SALGA.

Attached herewith are the SALGA preliminary comments for your consideration and as a guide. Also attached, is the Gazette with the proposed amendments.

Kindly provide your inputs and forward them to each of the provincial SALGA representatives below for consolidation before the **7 April 2022**:

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