

**18<sup>th</sup> AU Conference of African Ministers  
of Industry (CAMI)**

**24-28 October 2008**

**Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention  
Centre, Durban, South Africa**

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The information contained in this document is for the benefit of the Ministers of Industry of the Member States of the African Union (AU) as well as delegates attending the 18<sup>th</sup> Conference of African Ministers of Industry (CAMI) in Durban, South Africa, from 24-28 October 2008.

## 2. MEETING DATES AND VENUE

The meeting will take place at Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre (ICC), KwaZulu Natal, South Africa.

**Friday, 24 October 2008**

Senior Officials Meeting

**Saturday, 25 October 2008**

Senior Officials Meeting

**Sunday, 26 October 2008**

Consolidation of Reports

Ministerial Arrival

**Monday, 27 October 2008**

Ministerial meeting

**Tuesday, 28 October 2008**

Ministerial Meeting

**Wednesday, 29 October 2008**

Departure

The agenda will be made available in due course

## 3. RESPONSIBILITY FOR ARRANGEMENTS

The South African Department of Trade and Industry (**the dti**) and the African Union, in partnership with the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) are jointly responsible for the general organisation and conduct of the Conference. This includes logistical support such as the conference facilities, security, protocol, transport and accreditation.

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#### 4. REGISTRATION OF DELEGATIONS

Delegates to the Conference are requested to forward to the Department of Trade and Industry no later than **Monday, 06 October 2008** the following information:

- (a) Duly completed registration form (**Appendix 1**) in respect of each member of the delegation. The registration forms can be e-mailed to [zmtetwa@thedti.gov.za](mailto:zmtetwa@thedti.gov.za) or faxed to +27 12 394 4019 or [Rachel@thedti.gov.za](mailto:Rachel@thedti.gov.za) or faxed to +27 12 394 4077 as soon as possible but not later than **Monday, 06 October 2008** as stipulated above.
- (b) Details of Accompanying Protection Officer(s) (**Appendix 2**) (if applicable). **Please refer to Para 6 with respect to Courtesies.**

#### 5. ACCREDITATION OF DELEGATES

Accreditation of Delegates will take place at the Conference Venue, ICC, Durban. This service will be available from 22 October 2008. All attendees will obtain photo accreditation.

#### 6. COURTESIES

The following courtesies will be extended as follows:-

##### 6.1 ACCOMMODATION

###### 6.1.1 MINISTERS

- (a) One suitable room **from Sunday, 26 October to Tuesday, 28 October 2008** (departure Wednesday, 29 October 2008 check-out time 10.00), including

- Meals and non-alcoholic beverages.
- Laundry and dry cleaning

**Note: Telephone calls and alcoholic beverages are for OWN ACCOUNT.**

**Ministers arriving earlier than 26-10-2008 and departing later than 29-10-2008 are to make their own accommodation arrangements.**

- (b) Kindly note, the courtesies extended to Ministers and Deputy Ministers are not transferable to other nominated officials, in the event that Member states are unable to send Ministers or Deputy Ministers. Officials representing their Ministers and Deputy Ministers for the Ministerial will need to make their own flight and transport arrangements with the exception of accommodation. The use of VIP cars and VIP protection are courtesies extended to Ministers only.

### **6.1.2 OTHER DELEGATES**

- (a) All delegates other than Ministers must make accommodation arrangements elsewhere by reserving rooms directly for own account. All the hotels around the Durban area have been notified of the Conference. A list of hotels together with contact numbers is attached as Appendix 3. It should be noted that hotels usually require deposits within 48 hours of making the reservation, failing which, the reservation may be cancelled. In addition, the Delegates attending the Conference are advised to make bookings in advance and within at least 6km radius of the Conference venue to avoid disappointment as October is normally a busy period in South Africa.

NB: Ministers' attention is drawn to the fact that should there be a Protection Officer, Support Staff or Delegates accompanying the Minister, a separate accommodation arrangement must be made in good time with the resident missions in South Africa, or, UNIDO has a separate arrangement with regards to this. (See UNIDO contact details under 3)

## **6.2 TRANSPORTATION**

South African close protectors shall drive the VIP vehicles transporting the Ministers from Durban International Airport (DIA) Airport on the day of arrival until the last day of the Conference. The AU Commissioner, the Director General-UNIDO and the Secretary General's of the Regional Executive Communities (REC's) shall each be issued with a driver and the vehicle. Communal transportation by means of a shuttle service will be available to transfer the delegates from DIA to the hotels, and from their respective hotels to the meeting venue at the ICC and back. It should be noted that the shuttle service will only operate ***from selected hotels in Durban en route to ICC.***

## **6.3 SECURITY**

The South African Government takes responsibility for the overall security of visiting Ministers and all Participants for the duration of their visit. Special security arrangements will apply at the meeting venue and access will strictly be limited to duly accredited persons.

**NB:** For all the Ministers travelling with the Protection Officer(s), the government of South Africa will not be responsible for their accommodation (Protection Officers). Also **note** the due date for the submission of the form (**APPENDIX 4**) (if applicable)

### 6.3.1 FIREARMS

- No automatic weapons will be allowed
- No assault rifles will be allowed
- Weapon details, including the calibre and make thereof, and passport details of the bearers should be communicated to the dti timeously for the purpose of obtaining permits.
- All firearms imported for the purpose of protecting the Guest of Honour must under no circumstances be left at the resident Mission
- No firearms are allowed in the State Protocol Lounge and in the passenger cabins of aircraft
- Permits for bearing firearms will only be effective as of the arrival of the Guest of Honour and revoked after his/her departure from the Republic of South Africa.

### 6.4 PROTOCOL ARRANGEMENTS ON ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

Both Oliver Reginald Tambo International Airport (ORTIA) and Durban International Airport (DIA), depending on the individual's flight itineraries, are official ports of entry and departure for everyone entering South Africa for the purposes of attending the 18th CAMI. Protocol facilities will be in place at DIA from 23-26 October 2008 to assist Ministers and Delegates on arrival to transfer to their cars. An additional arrangement has also been made at the ORTIA airport to receive and transfer all the Ministers and Delegates from international to the domestic terminals.

Resident Heads of Mission of the countries in question will be given access to the State Protocol Lounge (SPL) (both in ORTIA and DIA) to receive their respective Ministers should they so wish. Such Heads of Mission are requested to provide **the dti** with their details in good time. The Ministers and Deputy Ministers, the AU Commissioner, UNIDO Director General and Heads of REC's will all use the VIP lounge on arrival and departure. It is kindly requested that their itineraries be forwarded to **the dti** on or before the **6<sup>th</sup> of October 2008**.

## 7. IMMIGRATION AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

### (a) Passports and Visas

All delegates travelling to South Africa must hold valid passports. Passports must be valid for at least 30 days beyond the expected date of departure from South Africa and must have at least one unused visa page when presented for endorsements.

All visa requirements must be complied with **(see Appendix 6 for further details)**

### (b) Health Requirements

All visitors to South Africa who travel from or through yellow fever endemic areas, as designated by the World Health Organisation must carry valid certificates of vaccination. These certificates will be checked upon arrival at ORTIA and DIA to ensure the validity of vaccinations. Participants failing to provide proof thereof will be required to submit to vaccination prior to entry into the country. (Please also see under Medical and Health Services below.)

## 8. MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

### (a) Medical Treatment

Delegates are encouraged to obtain medical travel insurance from reputable organisations. Such insurance is relatively cheap and will ensure a trouble free trip should medical treatment be required. Medical treatment at private facilities in South Africa is expensive, with public facilities also levying charges for services rendered.

### (b) Yellow Fever

In terms of the International Health Regulations Act, any person traveling from, or through, a yellow fever endemic area is required to provide proof of having a valid yellow fever vaccination prior to being allowed to enter South Africa. Should a person not be able to provide such proof, such person shall have the option of being vaccinated on-site (at their own cost) or being placed in quarantine for 6 days. Due to the high cost of this, **it is strongly recommended that affected visitors be vaccinated prior to their travel.**

Affected countries are listed in terms of an annual World Health Organisation publication. This publication can be viewed on the Internet at: [http://whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2005/9241580363\\_country\\_list.pdf](http://whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2005/9241580363_country_list.pdf)

For ease of reference, all African countries that fall within the Yellow Fever Belt are listed below:

Angola	Sierra Leone
Benin	Somalia
Burkina Faso	Sudan
Burundi	Senegal
Cameroon	Rwanda
Central African Republic	Tanzania
Chad	Togo
Congo Brazzaville	Uganda
Côte d'Ivoire	Sao Tome & Principe
Democratic Republic of Congo	Mali
Equatorial Guinea	Niger
Etiopía	Nigeria
Gabon	
Gambia	
Ghana	
Guinea Bissau	
Kenya	
Liberia	

**(c) Malaria**

The area around Durban falls **OUTSIDE** the malaria risk area in South Africa. Visitors need not therefore take any precautions relating to contracting malaria.

**(d) General health information**

The tap water in South Africa is safe to drink.

**9. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**(a) Internet access**

An Internet Café with 6 x computers with internet access and printers for use of delegates will be available at the conference venue

**(b) Cell phone coverage**

Cell phone coverage from all South African service providers is available, viz. Vodacom, MTN and Cell C. Cell phone service providers are available at the airport, ORTIA and DIA. They also provide gateway to Internet using GPRS or 3G.

**10. SIMULTANEOUS LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION**

Comprehensive simultaneous interpretation will be provided by the AU for the duration of the meeting in the following languages:

- English

- French
- Arabic
- Portuguese

## 11. GENERAL INFORMATION

### **Airport - distance to destination**

Flying time from Johannesburg to Durban is approximately 60 minutes. Durban International Airport is about a 20 minutes drive from the ICC.

**The Government of the Republic of South Africa bears no responsibility for the following:**

- Air fares (except the AU staff)
- Landing and parking fees of visiting aircraft
- Additional car rental (other than those provided by the State)
- Telephone calls, telex/facsimile communication
- Personal entertainment, including hotel minibars, in-house videos and expenses of a personal nature
- Private security services
- Visits to game parks and other leisure resorts for private purposes

**NB:** Such charges should be settled during the course of the visit. Should the charges not be settled on departure, they would be directed to the resident mission of the visiting country for payment.

### **Banking Services and Currency**

South Africa's normal working hours are Monday to Friday. Banking hours are from 09h00 to 15h30 on weekdays and from 08h30 to 11h00 on Saturdays. Banking amenities are available at commercial banks and shopping malls near the Conference Venue and hotels where delegates will be accommodated. Most banks have cash dispensing machines accepting Visa, MasterCard and Cirrus. Bureau de Change facilities are available at the OR Tambo International Airport, Durban International Airport and at most banks.

Most internationally recognised currencies and travellers cheques can be exchanged at commercial banks, hotels and international airports. Major credit cards are accepted in most hotels, restaurants and shops. There is no limit on the amount of foreign currency that may be imported into South Africa by individual non-residents, provided that it is declared on arrival to facilitate the exportation thereof on departure.

The unit of currency is the Rand (R) that is divided into 100 cents. Exchange rates are subject to fluctuation. At the time of printing the rate of exchange was approximately US\$1 = R7.20 and 1 Euro = R9.34

**Climate** Summer temperatures in Durban can reach 32°C with relatively high

humidity during the hot season.

**Time**

The time in South Africa is GMT +2

**Electricity Supply**

The power supply in South Africa is 220vAC, 50Hz. Electrical sockets are rounded three pronged.

**Drivers' Licenses/Permits**

Drivers must hold valid drivers' licenses, which carry a photograph of the holder, and is either printed or authenticated in English. South Africa recognises international driving permits issued under the 1949 Convention on Road Traffic.

**Business and Shopping Hours**

Offices and businesses are generally open from 08h30 to 17h00, Monday to Friday. Shopping hours vary but most shops are open from 09h00 to 17h00 Monday – Friday. Opening times on Saturdays vary but range between 09h00 and 17h00. Most shops are also open on Sundays between 09h00 to 15h00/16h00. Value-added tax (VAT) is charged on most goods and services except when purchased in duty-free shops at international airports. The current rate is 14%. On presentation of the goods and tax invoices, VAT may be reclaimed at international airports.

**Shopping facility nearby**

The ICC is a short distance from Musgrave, Gateway, La Lucia and Pavillion Shopping Centres.



18<sup>TH</sup> AU CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF INDUSTRY

REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and return by **MONDAY 06 OCTOBER 2008**. Each member of delegation to complete a separate form

**COUNTRY**

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**NAME**.....

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(Surname first in **BLOCK LETTERS**)

**TITLE (Minister/Ambassador/Dr/Mr/Mrs/Ms**

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**POSITION** .....

**HEAD OF DELEGATION** .....

**DELEGATE** .....

**SUPPORT STAFF** .....

**PROTECTION OFFICER** ..... (Please tick)

**NATIONALITY**..... **DATE OF BIRTH**

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**ID / PASSPORT**

**NUMBER**.....

**DATE OF PASSPORT**

**ISSUE**.....

**PLACE OF ISSUE**

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**EMAIL ADDRESS :**

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**TEL NUMBER**..... **FAX**

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**DISABILITY** .....

**DIETARY REQUIREMENTS (Halaal, Kosher, Food Allergies etc )**

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**ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE DETAILS**

**Please complete and return by MONDAY, 06 OCTOBER 2008 for all the Ministers/Deputy Ministers/Heads of Delegations.**

**NAME AND COUNTRY:**

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**ARRIVAL : Durban International Airport (DIA)**

Arrival Date :

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Arrival Time:

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Flight Number:

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**DEPARTURE: Durban International Airport (DIA)**

Departure Date :

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Departure Time :

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Flight Number:

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18<sup>TH</sup> AU CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF INDUSTRY

PROTECTION OFFICER

Please complete and return by **MONDAY, 06 OCTOBER 2008**

COUNTRY.....  
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Please complete in order of precedence with first name, surname and full titles with surname underlined.

**(a) Name, Initials and Rank**

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**(i) Place and Date of Birth**

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**(ii) Passport Number**

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**(iii) Place, Date of Issue & Expiry Date**

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**(iv) Make, Model and Calibre of weapon**

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**(v) Serial Number**

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**(vi) Number of rounds of ammunition**

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**(vii) Special equipment**

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## LIST OF RECOMMENDED HOTELS

HOTEL	RATES & DISTANCE	CONTACT DETAILS
Beverly Hills Umhlanga	Rate: R2950 Distance: 17 km Star: 5	Tel: +27 31 261 2211 Fax: +27 21 561 3711 Email: <a href="mailto:swheeler@summit.co.za">swheeler@summit.co.za</a>
Protea Hotel Edward	Rate: R1080 Distance: 2 km Star: 4	Tel: +27 31 337 3681 Fax: +27 31 337 3628 Email: <a href="mailto:jacky@proteahotels.com">jacky@proteahotels.com</a>
Royal Hotel CBD	Rate: R1620 Distance: 5 km Star: 5	Tel: +27 31 310 3333 Fax: +27 31 304 8817 Email: <a href="mailto:dbsales1@threecities.co.za">dbsales1@threecities.co.za</a>
Quarters Hotel Florida Road	Rate: R1100 Distance: 4km Star: 4	Tel: +27 31 310 3333 Fax: +27 31 304 8817 Email: <a href="mailto:dbsales1@threecities.co.za">dbsales1@threecities.co.za</a>
Riverside Hotel Northway	Rate: R1370 Distance: 4 km Star: 4	Tel: +27 31 310 3333 Fax: +27 31 304 8817 Email: <a href="mailto:dbsales1@threecities.co.za">dbsales1@threecities.co.za</a>
Southern Sun Elangeni	Rate: R1575 + R125 breakfast Distance: 1 km Star: 4	Tel: +27 31 362 1300 Fax: +27 31 332 5527 Email: <a href="mailto:varshab@southern.sun.com">varshab@southern.sun.com</a>
Albany Hotel	Rate: R395 Distance: 1 Star:3	Tel: +27 31 304 4381 Fax; (+27 11) 783-2004 +27 31 307 1411 Email: <a href="mailto:Albany@iafrica.com">Albany@iafrica.com</a>
Beach Hotel	Rate: R535 Distance: 2km Star: 3	Tel: +27 31 368 5353 Fax: (+27 11) 780-5002 +27 31 368 2322 Email: <a href="mailto:glello@goodersons.co.za">glello@goodersons.co.za</a>
Blue Waters	Rate: R643 Distance: 3 km Star: 3	Tel: +27 31 332 4272 Fax: +27 31 337 5685 Email: <a href="mailto:reservations2@bluewatershotel.co.za">reservations2@bluewatershotel.co.za</a>
City Lodge Beach	Rate: R735 + R75 breakfast Distance: 5 km Star: 3	Tel: +27 31 332 1447 Fax: +27 31 332 1483 Email: <a href="mailto:cldurb.gm@citylodge.co.za">cldurb.gm@citylodge.co.za</a>
City Lodge Umhlanga	Rate: R825 + R75 breakfast Distance: 17 km Star: 3	Tel: +27 31 580 7000 Fax: +27 31 580 7001 Email: <a href="mailto:clumhlanga.resv@citylodge.co.za">clumhlanga.resv@citylodge.co.za</a>

HOTEL	RATES & DISTANCE	CONTACT DETAILS
Southern Sun Marine Parade	Rate: R1149 Distance: 1.5 km Star: 3	Tel: +27 31 337 3341 Fax: +27 21 337 5929 Email: chelscon@iafrica.co.za
Southern Sun North Beach	Rate: R899 Distance: 1 km Star: 3	Tel: +27 31 332 7361 Fax: +27 31 337 4058 Email: daphnen@southernsun.com
Southern Sun South Beach	Rate: R799 Distance: 2 km Star: 3	Tel: +27 31 337 2231 Fax: +27 31 337 9183 Email: <a href="mailto:billf@southernsun.com">billf@southernsun.com</a>
The Benjamin Morningside	Rate: R687 Distance: 6 km Star: 3	Tel: +27 31 303 4233 Fax: +27 31 303 4288 Email: info@benjamin.co.za
Formula One	Rate: R339 + R24 breakfast Distance: 10 km Star: 2	Tel: +27 31 301 1551 Fax: +27 31 301 1552 Email: sotaria@telkomsa.net
Westville Hotel	Rate: R810 Distance: 15km Star: 3	Tel: +27 31 310 3333 Fax: +27 31 304 8817 Email: dbsales1@threecities.co.za
Road Lodge	Rate: R384 + R40 breakfast Distance: 5 km Star: 3	Tel: +27 31 304 8207 Fax: +27 31 304 8265 Email: rldurb@citylodge.co.za
Durban Sands	Rate: R672 Distance: 5 km Star: 2	Tel: +27 31 332 1511 Fax: Email: dbnsands@global.co.za
Durban Spa	Rate: R487 Distance: 5 km Star: 2	Tel: +27 31 332 9366 Fax: Email: dbnspa@iafrica.com

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**Passport Holders who are exempt from Visa from South Africa**

The citizen who is a holder of a national passport (diplomatic, official and ordinary) of the foreign countries / territories / international organisations listed below are not required to hold a visa when reporting to an immigration officer for an examination at a South African port of entry, subject to the terms and conditions set out in this list, including inter alia the intended period of stay in the Republic.

1. The holder of a national South African passport, travel document and document for travel purposes.
  
2. The citizen who is a holder of a national passport (diplomatic, official or ordinary) of the following countries / territories / international organisations is not required to hold a visa in respect of purposes for which a visitor's permit may be issued or by virtue of being a person contemplated in section 31(3)(b) [diplomatic & official visit] for an intended stay of 90 days or less and when in transit:

African Union / Unity Laissez Passer

Andorra

Argentina

Australia

Austria

Belgium

Botswana

Brazil

Canada

Chile

Czech Republic

Denmark

Ecuador

Finland

France

Germany

Greece

Iceland

Israel

Italy

Jamaica

Japan  
Liechtenstein  
Luxemburg  
Malta  
Monaco  
Netherlands  
New Zealand  
Norway  
Paraguay  
Portugal  
San Marino  
Singapore  
Spain  
St Vincent & the Grenadines  
Sweden  
Switzerland  
United Kingdom of Great Britain, Northern Ireland, British Islands Bailiwick of Guernsey and Jersey, Isle of Man and Virgin Islands.  
Republic of Ireland

British Overseas Territories who are in possession of British passports namely: Anguilla, Bermuda, British Antarctic Territory, British Indian Ocean Territory, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Montserrat, St Helena and Dependencies (Ascension Island, Gough Island and Tristan da Cunha), Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands, the Sovereign Base Areas on Cyprus South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands and the Turks and Caicos Island.

Uruguay  
Venezuela  
United States of America

3. The citizen who is a holder of a national passport (diplomatic, official and ordinary) of the following countries / territories / international organisations is not required to hold a visa in respect of purposes for which a visitor's permit may be issued or by virtue of being a person contemplated in section 31(3)(b) [diplomatic & official visit] for an intended stay of 30 days or less and when in transit:

Antigua and Barbuda  
Barbados  
Belize  
Benin  
Bolivia  
Cape Verde  
Costa Rica  
Cyprus  
Gabon  
Guyana  
Hong Kong [only with regard to holders of Hong Kong British National Overseas passports and Hong Kong Special Administrative Region passports]

Hungary  
 Jordan  
 Lesotho  
 Macau [only with regard to holders of Macau Special Administrative Region passports  
 (MSAR)]  
 Malaysia  
 Malawi  
 Maldives  
 Mauritius  
 Mozambique  
 Namibia  
 Peru  
 Poland  
 Seychelles  
 Slovak Republic  
 South Korea  
 Swaziland  
 Thailand  
 Turkey  
 Zambia  
 Zimbabwe [only in respect of government officials, including police on cross border  
 investigations]

4. Agreements have also been concluded with the following countries for holders of diplomatic and official passport holders.

Citizens who are holders of diplomatic, official and service passports of the following countries do not require visas in respect of purposes for which a visitor's permit may be issued or by virtue of being a person contemplated in section 31(3)(b) [diplomatic & official visit] for the period indicated and transit:

Albania	(120 days)	Madagascar	(30 days)
Algeria	(30 days)	Morocco	(30 days)
Angola	(90 days)	Mozambique	(90 days)
Bulgaria	(90 days)	Paraguay	(120 days)
Cyprus	(90 days)	Poland	(90 days)
Comoros	(90 days)	Romania	(90 days)
Croatia	(90 days)	Rwanda	(30 days)
Egypt	(30 days)	Slovak	(90 days)
Guinea	(90 days)	Slovenia	(120 days)
Hungary	(120 days)	Tanzania	(90 days)
Ivory Coast	(30 days)	Thailand	(90 days)
Kenya	(30 days)	Tunisia	(90 days)
Mexico	(90 days)	Vietnam	(90 days)

5. Notwithstanding this Schedule, a foreigner whose visa exemption has been withdrawn shall comply with the visa requirements until notified by the Department that his or her visa exemption has been re-instated by the Department on petition or of its own accord.
6. Visas are not required by passport holders of Lesotho, Swaziland, Botswana, Namibia, Zambia and Malawi who are entering the Republic as commercial heavy-duty vehicle drivers provide their visits do not exceed 15 days and on condition that they can produce a letter confirming their employment with a transport company on entry.
7. Staff members of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) who travel on SADC laissez-passers are exempt from visa requirements for bona fide official business visits up to 90 days and transit.
8. The following categories of the UN as well as their spouses, dependent relatives and other members of the households are exempt from visa requirements when visiting the Republic for periods not exceeding 90 days for purposes for which a visitor's permit may be issued, and for official business purposes and transits and when accredited for placement at a UN mission in the Republic for the duration of their accreditation, provided they are in possession of the relevant letters or identification documents to identify themselves at ports of entry as personnel of a UN agency.
  - Holders of United Nations Laissez-passers
  - Volunteers attached to the UN
  - Persons involved in any United Nations agency
  - Persons performing services on behalf of the UN
9. Members of military forces attending any military related matters with the South African National Defence Force are exempt from visa and study permit requirements, irrespective of their duration of stay provided they are in possession of letters of invitation from the SANDF as well as letters of consent from the military force of which they are members. They are also permitted to enter the country without passports.