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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT & TOURISM

MEDIA ALERT

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ALL UNLICENSED SPAZA SHOPS ARE TO CLOSE DOWN FROM THE 1ST MARCH 2025

The Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism warns against sustained operations by unregistered Spaza Shops from the 1st March 2025.

Registration of Spaza shops has been in effect since the 14th November 2024 to 28th February 2025. 22 Local Municipalities across Limpopo have been designated as licensing centers. Over 5700 applications have been received since June 2024 to 24 January 2025. 484 application whereby the owner is a Foreign National were received across our Municipalities.

4426 applications have since been approved. Although the above statistics are subject to daily changes, the Department is pleased with the level of peace and cooperation between our Business Registration officials within all municipalities and Members of the public.

The Department is confident that all Spaza Shop Business owners will take full responsibility of their registered businesses and will remain accountable for all stock items sold within their premises.

From the first of March 2025, all unlicensed Spaza Shops will be expected to close down their businesses immediately. Only licensed Spaza shops or Spaza shops with proof of pending applications will be allowed to operate.

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