

# Special border times for World Cup

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NELSPRUIT: The Border Control Operational Coordinating Committee in Mpumalanga will put in place extra measures to prevent possible congestion at the province's busiest ports of entry during the 2010 FIFA World Cup.



"These operational measures will be coordinated via the National Border Management Coordination Centre, which is already operational and deal with day-to-day port of entry operations," said the centre's provincial coordinator, Henson Msongweni.

He said various government departments had made arrangements with neighbouring countries such as Swaziland and Mozambique to implement measures that would ensure the quick processing of travellers at the various ports of entry in Mpumalanga.

"Mpumalanga has prioritised five key ports of entry for the event and we strongly encourage our travellers to utilise these ports," he said.

Both the Lebombo border post between Mpumalanga and Mozambique and the Oshoek border post to Swaziland are now open 24 hours daily until August 11, while the Mahamba border post to Swaziland will operate from 6am until midnight between June 1 and July 12.

Mananga border post to Swaziland will be operational from 7am until 8pm between May 11 and August 11, and Jeppes Reef will be open from 7am until 10pm between June 15 and July 26.

"All ports of entry will clear people at their main buildings and infrastructure has been improved to deal with the possible spill of travellers," said Msongweni.

He added that the Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport would be operational from 7am until 7pm from June 11, with only special flights being attended after closing time.

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