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TO: TRANSPORT CONSULTANTS AND ABNORMAL LOAD/VEHICLE HAULIERS

RESTRICTIONS ON THE TRANSPORTING OF ABNORMAL LOADS AND MOVEMENT OF ABNORMAL VEHICLES FOR 2025/2026, AND CHANGES TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ESCORT VEHICLES

1. ABNORMAL LOADS/VEHICLES EMBARGO

1.1 In terms of Section 99(1) of the Road Traffic and Transport Act No. 22 of 1999 ("the Act"), *"the Minister of Works and Transport ("the Minister") may, subject to such conditions and on payment of such fees or charges as the Minister may determine, authorise in writing, either generally or specifically the use on a public road of a vehicle which does not comply with the provisions of the Act; or the conveyance on a public road of passengers or any load otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of this Act."*

1.2 In line with the provisions of the Act and in an effort to promote road safety and reduce the risk road accidents on public roads, the Minister has approved a travel embargo on the transporting of abnormal loads and movement of abnormal vehicles on national roads on the dates indicated in **Table 1**.

Table 1: Abnormal Loads/Vehicles Embargo Days

DATE	DAYS	REASON
All weekdays between sunset and sunrise.		Limited visibility during after sunset and possible congestion on roads during weekends.
All weekends (from Friday at 16h00 until Monday at sunrise).		
20 March 2025	Thursday	Long weekend
21 March 2025	Friday	Independence Day
11 April 2025	Friday	Last day of school (midterm break)
17 April 2025	Thursday	Long weekend

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DATE	DAYS	REASON
18 April 2025	Friday	Good Friday
21 April 2025	Monday	Easter Monday
30 April 2025	Wednesday	Long weekend
1 May 2025	Thursday	Workers' Day
2 May 2025	Friday	School holiday
5 May 2025	Monday	Public holiday
26 May 2025	Monday	Public holiday
27 May 2025	Tuesday	Long weekend
28 May 2025	Wednesday	Genocide Remembrance Day
29 May 2025	Thursday	Ascension Day
30 May 2025	Friday	Long weekend
13 June 2025	Friday	Last day of school (first semester)
25 August 2025	Monday	Long weekend
26 August 2025	Tuesday	Heroes' Day
5 September 2025	Friday	Last day of school (midterm break)
5 December 2025	Friday	Last day of school (second semester)
10 December 2025	Wednesday	Day of the Namibian Women/ International Human Rights Day
22 December 2025	Monday	Festive season
23 December 2025	Tuesday	Festive season
24 December 2025	Wednesday	Christmas Eve
25 December 2025	Thursday	Christmas Day
26 December 2025	Friday	Family Day
29 December 2025	Monday	Festive season
30 December 2025	Tuesday	Festive season
31 December 2025	Wednesday	New Year's Eve
1 January 2026	Thursday	New Year's Day
2 January 2026	Friday	Festive season

1.3 Applications for the transporting of abnormal loads and movement of abnormal vehicles during these periods will however be considered on merit, in cases of emergencies and essential services. In such cases a written motivation and a detailed route plan must accompany the permit application, which is to be submitted to the Roads Authority ("the Authority").

2. ESCORT VEHICLES

2.1 All abnormal loads/vehicles are required to be accompanied by an escort vehicle depending on their width and length. Currently, one (1) escort vehicle is required for abnormal loads/vehicles with a width between 3.2 and 3.7 metres and two (2) escort vehicles for abnormal vehicles/loads wider than 3.7 metres, depending on the truck combination.

2.2 The Authority however observed that some abnormal loads/vehicles that currently require only one (1) escort vehicle tend to obstruct the free flow of traffic on public roads, which results in frustrations for other road users and thereby increases the risk of possible accidents on public roads.

2.3 You are herewith informed that all abnormal loads/vehicles with a width of 3.2 metres or wider will require two (2) escort vehicles at all times when traveling on public roads, **effective 17 March 2025**. This measure will ensure that road users approaching the abnormal load/vehicle from both directions are alerted, thereby improving the overall safety on public roads.

2.4 The Authority is currently reviewing the specifications for escort vehicles with the aim of ensuring that all escort vehicles

The Authority reaffirms its commitment to "*manage the national road network to achieve a safe and efficient road sector in support of socio-economic growth*" in line with mission of the Ministry of Works and Transport, and counts on your usual support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

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