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## CIRCULAR 4/2021

**TO ALL: TRANSPORT CONSULTANTS AND HAULIERS IN THE RSA  
PROVINCIAL ABNORMAL LOAD PERMIT OFFICES  
WESTERN CAPE MUNICIPAL TRAFFIC DEPARTMENTS AND THE PROVINCIAL  
TRAFFIC SERVICE**

Dear Sir / Madam

**NATIONAL ROAD TRAFFIC ACT, 1996 (ACT 93 OF 1996): SECTION 81: RESTRICTION ON THE  
TRANSPORTATION OF ABNORMAL LOADS AND MOVEMENT OF ABNORMAL VEHICLES DURING  
THE DECEMBER 2021 / JANUARY 2022 HOLIDAY PERIOD.**

1. The "embargo" period will start from 10 December 2021 and last until 14 January 2022. During this period **no** applications will be considered for weekends, public holidays and certain days in close proximity to the public holidays during the embargo period (see paragraph 3 for more detail).
2. During the embargo period, an application which is deemed to be an **emergency or essential** may be submitted, provided that:
  - 2.1 A motivation for the necessity of the movement of the load / vehicle is submitted. This motivation must be uploaded to the Western Cape online abnormal permit application system at the same time that the application is submitted.
  - 2.2 The route that is being considered must be acceptable to all role-players. This specific route and its traffic conditions must be able to accommodate such movement during the required period.

However, a prerequisite for such an application to be considered is the availability of provincial traffic officers in the case where traffic escort is required. Where such an application will also entail travel within the boundaries of the City of Cape Town, the City must also confirm the availability of their traffic officers for escort.

3. The following is a summary of:
  - 3.1 The days on which **no** travel will be allowed (column 1)

- 3.2 The days on which the travel mentioned in paragraph 2 above (emergency or essential) **may** be considered (column 2) (subject to the availability of traffic officers where traffic escort is required).

Column 1	Column 2
<b>NO PERMITS SHALL BE CONSIDERED FOR THESE DATES</b>	<b>PERMITS <u>MAY</u> BE CONSIDERED FOR THESE DATES AS PER CONDITIONS OF PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE</b>
15 – 17 December 2021	10, 13 -14 December 2021
23-24 December 2021	20 – 22 December 2021
28 – 31 December 2021	03 – 07 January 2022
All weekends and public holidays	10 – 14 January 2022

4. As the embargo period ends on Friday 14 January 2022 applications will be considered in the normal manner from Monday 17 January 2022.
5. Your customary co-operation in abiding with the restrictions during the aforesaid embargo period will enable the Department to focus on its commitment to ensure safe and convenient travel for all during the holiday period.

Yours faithfully

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**Date:** 30 November 2021