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**CIRCULAR 7/2021**

**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

1. In terms of the provisions of standard condition 9(a) of the abnormal load/vehicle exemption permit policy the transportation of abnormal loads and movement of abnormal vehicles are restricted on public roads during weekends and public holidays (including certain days in close proximity to the public holidays).
2. As school terms are also taken into consideration the terms for 2022/23 are also reflected below for your information. The Department will in due course issue another circular indicating how the restrictions will be applied during the December 2022/January 2023 holiday period. Such circular will be forwarded to all role-players in advance of the commencement of the said holiday period.
3. As the Department is committed to promote and enhance road safety you are, hereby, advised in advance of the following restriction periods that will apply during 2022 (including January 2023).

WEEKENDS	PUBLIC HOLIDAYS	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	EMBARGO PERIOD
<b>ALL</b>	21 MARCH 2022	28 MARCH - 04 APRIL 2022	<b>18 MARCH 2022</b> (LONG WEEKEND) <b>28 MARCH 2022</b> (13:00) (SCHOOL CLOSURE)
	15 APRIL 2022 18 APRIL 2022 27 APRIL 2022		<b>14 APRIL 2022</b> (13:00) <b>TILL 18 APRIL 2021</b> (EASTER WEEKEND) <b>27 2021</b>
	02 MAY 2022		<b>29 APRIL 2022</b> (AFTER 13:00) <b>02 MAY 2022</b>
	16 June 2022		<b>16 JUNE 2022</b>
		27 JUNE TILL 18 JULY 2022	<b>24 JUNE 2022</b> (AFTER 13:00) SCHOOL CLOSURE
	09 AUGUST 2022		<b>09 AUGUST 2022</b>
		03 – 10 Oct 2022	<b>30 September 2022</b> (after 13:00) School closure
	16 DECEMBER 2022	09 DECEMBER 2022 – 15 JANUARY 2023	<b>DECEMBER/JANUARY HOLIDAY PERIOD</b>
	25 -26 DECEMBER 2022		<b>DECEMBER/JANUARY HOLIDAY PERIOD</b>
		01 JANUARY 2023	<b>DECEMBER/JANUARY HOLIDAY PERIOD</b>

4. During the embargo period, an application which is deemed to be an **emergency or essential** may be submitted, provided that:
- 4.1 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.
  - 4.2 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.

5. Your customary co-operation, especially in submitting timeous, correct and complete applications, will be appreciated.

Yours faithfully

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**Date:** 23 December 2021