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ABNORMAL LOADS: EMBARGO DAYS - 2026

ATTENTION:

Transport Consultant and Hauliers
Provincial Administrators and Managers of Provincial Traffic Centres

Dear Sir/Madam

NATIONAL ROAD TRAFFIC ACT ,1996, (ACT 93 OF 1996), SECTION 81: RESTRICTIONS ON THE CONVEYANCE OF ABNORMAL LOADS AND MOVEMENT OF ABNORMAL VEHICLES DURING 2026

1. The Standard Condition 9(a) imposes an embargo for the transportation of abnormal loads/ movement of abnormal vehicles on public roads during weekends and public holidays.
2. The roads infrastructure branch is committed to promoting road safety and therefore an embargo is placed on the following dates from **March 2026** up to **January 2027 as per the attached Annexure A.**
3. The closure day of school terms are included in the above embargo periods.
4. However, applications to transport abnormal loads during these periods will be considered in the case of *emergencies* and/or in the case of *non- holiday* routes, be considered on merit.
5. In cases mentioned above, **a written motivation must accompany the permit applications.**
6. Loads requiring escorts by *Provincial Traffic Inspectors* during the above periods shall not be considered.

Yours in Transportation Excellence!

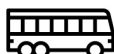
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Annexure Embargo List of 2026

WEEKENDS	ALL
SCHOOL TERMS	14 January 2026 – 27 March 2026
	08 April 2026 – 26 June 2026
	21 July 2026 – 23 September 2026
	06 October 2026 – 11 December 2026
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS	21 March 2026 – Human Rights Day
	03 April 2026 – Good Friday
	06 April 2026 – Family Day
	27 April 2026 – Freedom Day
	1 May 2026 – Workers Day
	16 June 2026 – Youth Day
	10 August 2026 – Public Holiday
	24 September 2026 – Heritage Day
	16 December 2026 – Day of Reconciliation
	25 December 2026 – Christmas Day
	26 December 2026 – Day of Goodwill
	01 January 2027 – New Years Day



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