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**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 near the public holidays).
2. As school terms are also taken into consideration, the terms for 2026 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 2026/January 2027 holiday period. Such a 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 promoting and enhancing road safety, you are hereby advised of the following restriction periods that will apply during 2026 (including January 2027).

WEEKENDS	PUBLIC HOLIDAYS	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	EMBARGO PERIOD
ALL	21 MARCH	27 MARCH – 07 APRIL	27 MARCH 2026 (FROM 13:00 – SCHOOL CLOSE)
	03 April 06 April 27 April		02 APRIL 2026 (13H00 – EASTER WEEKEND) 24 APRIL 2026 (13H00 – LONG WEEKEND) 30 APRIL 2026 (13H00 – LONG WEEKEND)
	01 May		01 MAY 2026
	16 June	26 JUNE – 20 JULY	12 JUNE 2026 (13H00 – LONG WEEKEND) 26 JUNE 2026 (13:00 SCHOOL CLOSURE)
	09 AUGUST 2024		07 August 2026 (13h00 – Long weekend)
	24 SEPTEMBER	23 SEPTEMBER – 05 OCT	23 September 2026 (13:00 school closure) 24 September 2026

	16 DECEMBER 25 - 26 December 01 JANUARY 2027	09 December 2026 – 19 January 2027	DECEMBER/JANUARY HOLIDAY PERIOD

4. During the embargo period, an application that 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.
 - 4.3 However, a prerequisite for such an application to be considered is the availability of provincial traffic officers in the case where a traffic escort is required. Where such an application will also entail travel within the boundaries of the City of Cape Town and the Beaufort West municipalities those municipalities must also confirm the availability of its traffic officers for escort.
5. Your customary cooperation, with submitting timely, correct, and complete applications on the WCG online system, will be appreciated.

Yours faithfully

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