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## GENERAL NOTICE

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### **NOTICE 407 OF 2008**

**DEPARTMENT OF ROADS AND TRANSPORT**

**MPUMALANGA PROVINCE**

**NATIONAL ROAD TRAFFIC ACT, 1996 (ACT NO. 93 OF 1996)**

#### **NUMBER PLATES**

A new number plate system is envisaged for the Province of Mpumalanga. A draft Notice in this regard is hereby published for public comments. Comments should be submitted before or on 14 November 2008 in writing to the following address:

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**DEPARTMENT OF ROADS AND TRANSPORT****NATIONAL ROAD TRAFFIC ACT, 1996 (Act No. 93 of 1996)****NUMBER PLATES**

I, Jackson Mphikwa Mthembu, Member of the Executive Council responsible for Roads and Transport: Mpumalanga, acting under Regulations 27, 28, 71, and 86 of the Regulations in terms of the National Road Traffic Act, 1996, hereby determines as follows:

**Definitions**

1. In this Notice, any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Road Traffic Act, 1996 (Act No. 93 of 1996) and the National Road Traffic Regulations, shall have the meaning so assigned to it, unless the context indicates otherwise, and –

**“MEC”** means the Member of the Executive Council responsible for traffic matters;

**“Number plate”** means a number plate envisaged in Regulation 35 of the Regulations and which complies with standard specification SABS 1116: “Retro-reflective Registration Plates for Motor Vehicles”, Part 2: “Registration plates (metal)”;

**“Number plate validation label”** means the self-adhesive label that will self-destruct when removed, on which the licence number of a vehicle is displayed with security features for vehicle identification purposes; and an expiry date

**“Personalized licence number”** means a personalized licence number issued in terms of regulation 28 of the Regulations;

**“Personalized licence number certificate”** means a certificate issued by the Provincial Government to a person who successfully applied for a personalized licence number and that contains the personalized licence number applied for;

**“Prescribed fee”** means the fees as prescribed from time to time by the Mpumalanga Provincial Government by regulation under section 25 of the Mpumalanga Road Traffic Act, 1998;

**“Province”** means the Province of Mpumalanga;

**“Provincial Government”** means the Mpumalanga Provincial Government;

**“The Regulations”** means the National Road Traffic Regulations, published under Government Notice No. R. 225 of 17 March 2000 as amended; and

**“User”** means the holder of a personalized licence number certificate.

### Licence number System

2. (a) In terms of regulation 27(2)(a)(ii) of the Regulations, the licence number allocated to any motor vehicle licenced at a registering authority within the Province must consist of a system of three letters followed by a three digit number and the letters "MP": Provided that vowels and the letter "Q" shall not be used and that the first letter shall not be the letter "G".

(b) In terms of regulation 27(5)(a)(iii) of the Regulations, the licence number allocated to any motor vehicle which is the property of the Provincial Government, must consist of the letter "G" followed by two letters, a three digit number and the letters "MG".

(c) In terms of regulation 86(1) read with regulation 86(2)(a) of the Regulations, temporary and special permit numbers must consist of the letter "E" followed by two letters, a three digit number and the letters "MP" but shall not include vowels except the letter "E" or the letter "Q".

(d) In terms of regulation 71(1) read with regulation 71(2)(a) of the Regulations, a motor trade number must consist of the letter "A" followed by two letters, a three digit number and the letters "MP" but shall not include vowels except the letter "A" or the letter "Q".

### Display of number plates

3.(1) (a) A licence number, personalized licence number or motor trade number allocated to a motor vehicle --

- (i) on or after the coming into operation of this Notice;
  - (ii) by a registering authority in the Province to which regulation 27 of the Regulations applies,
- must be displayed on a registration plate as contemplated in subparagraph (2)(a).

(b) A licence number allocated by a registering authority in the Province-

- (i) on or after the coming into operation of these Regulations;
  - (ii) to a motor vehicle owned by the Provincial Government,
- must be displayed on a registration plate as contemplated in subparagraph (2)(b).

(c) A licence number allocated by a registering authority in the Province-

- (i) on or after the coming into operation of these Regulations;
  - (ii) to a public transport vehicle,
- must be displayed on a registration plate as contemplated in subparagraph (2)(c)

(2)(a) A registration plate of a motor vehicle which is not a Government vehicle or a public transport vehicle must have a white retro-reflective surface with black letters and figures on which the coat of arms of the Province as contained in Schedule 2 hereto is displayed.

(b) A registration plate of a Government owned vehicle must have a white retro-reflective surface with dark red letters and figures on which the coat of arms of the Province as contained in Schedule 2 hereto is displayed.

- (c) A registration plate of a Public Transport vehicle must have a white retro-reflective surface with dark green letters and figures on which the coat-of-arms of the Province as contained in Schedule 2 hereto is displayed.
- (3) Number plates issued prior to the publication of this Notice shall remain valid for a period of 18 months after commencement of this Notice.
- (4) After licencing the motor vehicle, the owner must —
  - (a) display the licence number on the motor vehicle concerned as prescribed in regulation 35 of the Regulations read with this Notice; and
  - (b) subject to paragraph 4(a), affix the number plate validation label inside the rear window on the lower left hand corner of the window, or if the motor vehicle does not have a rear window, or if the rear window is not transparent, the number plate validation label must be displayed in the manner is consistent with Regulation 36(1) of the Regulations.

#### **Display of number plate validation label**

- 4. (a) The display of the number plate validation label is compulsory for all vehicles registered in the Province.
- (b) A number plate validation label shall be valid for a period of five years from the date of issue thereof or the extended period contemplated in paragraph 6(1).
- (c) The fee for the issue of a number plate validation label shall be prescribed by the MEC.

#### **Replacement of number plate validation label**

- 5. (a) The owner to whom the number plate validation label is issued must, in the instance where the number plate validation label is stolen, lost, damaged or the number plate is replaced, apply at the registration authority concerned for a duplicate number plate validation label.
- (b) The application referred to in paragraph 5(a) must be accompanied by -
  - (i) the prescribed fees;
  - (ii) 'n sworn statement commissioned by a commissioner of oaths, which contain the circumstances and information under which the label has been stolen, lost or damaged; and
  - (iii) in the case where the number plate validation label was stolen, the relevant occurrence book number, issued by the South African Police Service.

#### **Number plate, period of validity and security features**

- 6. (1) Number plates issued after publication of this Notice must remain valid for a period of five years after issuing thereof, whereafter, number plates must annually be inspected by a person authorized by the MEC to determine compliance of the number plates with the relevant SABS codes and security features.

- (2) The validity period contemplated in paragraph (a) must be indicated at the bottom on the front of the number plate, as contained in Schedule 2, after which the owner of such motor vehicle must replace such plate at own cost: Provided that if one of the number plates is lost, stolen, damaged or defaced the owner must replace both number plates and the validity period will commence a new.
- (3) Security features approved by the MEC must be included during manufacturing of number plates.

**Personalized licence number**

7. In terms of regulation 28 of the Regulations, a personalized licence number allocated and issued to any motor vehicle registered in the Province, shall consist of -

- (a) three figures, followed by three letters, followed by the coat of arms as contained in Schedule 2 followed by the letters "MP";
- (b) three letters, of which one or more may be vowels, followed by three figures, followed by the prescribed coat of arms, followed by the letters "MP": Provided that the first letter of a combination shall not be the letter "G";
- (c) three letters consisting of the following combinations:
  - (i) three of the same letters, excluding the letters "GGG"; or
  - (ii) the letters "BMW", "DKW", "FRD", "HND", "KDT", "LND", "MBZ", "MRC", "MZD", "NSN", "PCS", "SZK" or "ZCC",

followed by three figures consisting of the following combinations:

- (aa) three of the same figures; or
- (bb) the figures 090,110,130,140,150,160,180, 200,220,230,240,250, 260, 280, 300, 302, 306, 316,318, 320, 323, 325, 335, 340, 341, 380, 400, 405, 420, 500, 525, 530, 540, 600, 601, 602, 605, 606, 626, 740, 750, 786, 850, 900, 911, 928, 944 or 960,

followed by the coat of arms as contained in the Schedule 2 followed by the letters "MP" denoting the Province;

- (b) at least one but not more than seven letters and figures, followed by the coat of arms as contained in Schedule 2 followed by the letters "MP";
- (c) a combination of not more than seven letters and figures, followed by the coat of arms as contained in Schedule 2 followed by the letters "MP"; or
- (d) at least one but not more than seven letters and figures, followed by the coat of arms as contained in Schedule 2 followed by the letters "MP": Provided that the first seven characters of a personalized registration number shall not consist of the combinations which appear in the licence number system, the Government vehicle licencing system, the motor trade licence number system, or the temporary or special permit number system of the Provincial.

**Conditions for personalized licence number**

8. (a) The issuance of a personalized licence number certificate to a user does not transfer ownership of that personalized licence number to the user, but the user may apply for the allocation of such personalized licence number to a motor vehicle of which he or she is the owner.
- (b) A personalized licence number may be allocated to a motor vehicle -
- (i) of which the owner is the holder of a personalized licence number certificate;
  - (ii) which must be licenced in the Province; and
  - (iii) only after a committee appointed by the MEC has considered the approval of the personalized number.
- (c) The user must apply for the allocation of the personalized licence number to a motor vehicle, and for the licencing of that motor vehicle, within 21 days from the date of issuance of the personalized licence number certificate. The application must be accompanied by the personalized licence number certificate, acceptable identification, the prescribed fees or the *pro rata* motor vehicle licence fees.
- (d) The licence and clearance certificate of a motor vehicle to which a personalized licence number was allocated, becomes null and void upon such allocations and liability for the licencing of the motor vehicle arises simultaneously with such allocation.
- (e) If the user does not apply for the allocation of the personalized licence number to a motor vehicle and does not licence that motor vehicle, within the period referred to in paragraph (c), any monies paid concerning the issuance and allocation of the personalized licence number will be forfeited and the personalized licence number will revert to the Provincial Government.
- (f) In the event of the death of the user of a personalized licence number, and if ownership of the vehicle to which the personalized licence number was allocated is transferred to the spouse, the spouse may apply for that personalized licence number on the relevant form, and such application shall be accompanied by the personalized licence number certificate, acceptable identification, a copy of the death certificate concerned and a letter from the executor of the estate confirming that ownership has transferred to the spouse. No fee shall be payable for such an application and for allocation of the personalized licence number concerned to a motor vehicle.
- (g) In the event of the death of a user, where there is no surviving spouse or where the surviving spouse does not make an application as referred to in paragraph (f) upon the licencing of the motor vehicle to which the personalized licence number was allocated in the name of an owner other than the user, the personalized licence number will revert to the Provincial Government and the estate of the user shall not be reimbursed for any monies paid.
- (h) The user may in writing surrender a personalized licence number to the Provincial Government, in which event the personalized licence number will revert to the Provincial Government and the user shall not be reimbursed for any monies paid.



- (i) If the SAPS records a motor vehicle to which a personalized licence number was allocated as stolen, such personalized licence number shall not be allocated to another motor vehicle for five years from the date of such recording.
- (j) If the stolen motor vehicle referred to in paragraph (i) is found within the five year period, the user may continue to use the personalized licence number in respect to the motor vehicle concerned if the SAPS confirms in writing that their records no longer reflects the vehicle as stolen, and if the user has undertaken in writing not to hold the Provincial Government liable for loss or damage that may occur due to the continued use of the personalized licence number.
- (k) After the five year period referred to in paragraph (i) has lapsed and the stolen vehicle referred to in paragraph (i) has not been found, the user may apply to the Provincial Government for the allocation of the personalized licence number to another motor vehicle if he or she has undertaken not to hold the Provincial Government liable for loss or damage that may occur due to the continued use of the personalized licence number.
- (l) The user must apply in terms of the Regulations for the transfer of a personalized licence number to another vehicle of which he or she is the owner, should the user wish to transfer such personalized licence number to another vehicle.
- (m) If the user of a personalized licence number intends to sell a motor vehicle to which that personalized licence number was allocated, but wishes to retain the use of the personalized licence number, he or she must apply in terms of the Regulations for the change of the personalized licence number of the vehicle to be sold to the original number plate licencing system. In order to retain the personalized licence number, the user must request a duplicate personalized licence number certificate, and submit the original personalized licence number certificate to the Provincial Government to be defaced. The user must apply for the allocation of the personalized licence number to a motor vehicle and licence that vehicle within 21 days from the date of the issuance of the duplicate personalized licence number certificate. If the user does not apply for the allocation of the personalized licence number and does not licence the vehicle concerned within the said period, the monies paid will be forfeited and the personalized licence number will revert to the Provincial Government.
- (n) If a motor vehicle to which a personalized licence number was allocated is de-registered, the register of motor vehicles shall reflect that the personalized licence number is no longer allocated to such vehicle and the user must apply for the allocation of the personalized licence number to another vehicle or surrender in writing the personalized licence number.
- (o) In the event of the user of a personalized licence number relocating to another Province, which would involve a change of registering authority in respect to the motor vehicle to which the personalized licence number was allocated, the personalized licence number will upon registration revert to the Provincial Government and the user shall not be reimbursed for any monies paid.
- (p) An application for a duplicate personalized licence number certificate shall be made to the Provincial Government on the relevant form, and shall be accompanied by acceptable identification of the user and if the user is an organization, that of its proxy and representative and a letter of appointment of proxy and the prescribed fee for the duplicate document.
- (q) If a personalized licence number reverts back to the Provincial Government, the user shall submit the personalized licence number plates reflecting such personalized

licence number to the Provincial Government, and the user shall not be reimbursed for any monies paid.

- (r) Whenever a personalized licence number plate reflecting a personalized licence number is lost, or damaged to such an extent that replacement is required, the user of such personalized licence number shall apply, in writing, to the Provincial Government to replace the lost or damaged personalized licence number plate. The application shall be accompanied by acceptable identification of the user in the case of damage, the remains of the damaged personalized licence number plate, the prescribed fee for the replacement of the personalized licence number plate and a declaration stating the reason for the request for replacement.

### Repeal, amendment and savings

9. (1) Subject to the provisions of subparagraph (2), the Notices referred to in Schedule 1 are repealed to the extent indicated in the third column thereof.
- (2) Notwithstanding the repeal of the Notices referred to in subparagraph (1) –
- (a) anything done under that Notice which is capable of being done under a provision of this Notice, is deemed to have been done under the relevant provision of this Notice;
- (b) any proceedings commenced under that Notice, must be continued and concluded as if such Notice had not been repealed: Provided that any appeals arising there from must be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations.
- (3) If there is a conflict between this Notice and any other law affecting Traffic matters in the Province, the Act and Regulations will prevail.

### Coming into operation

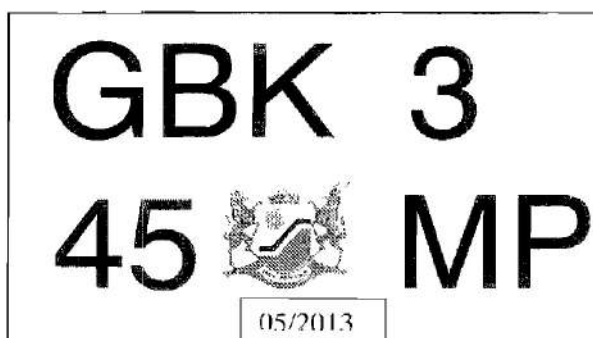
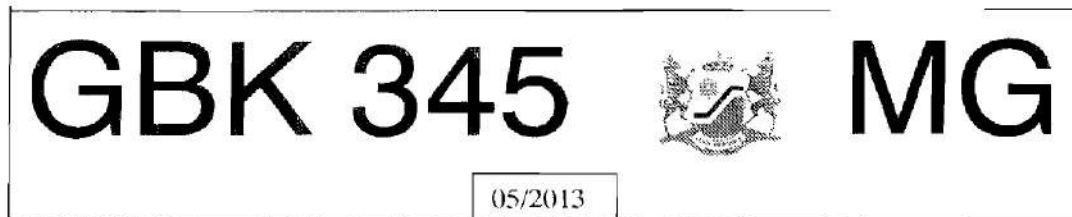
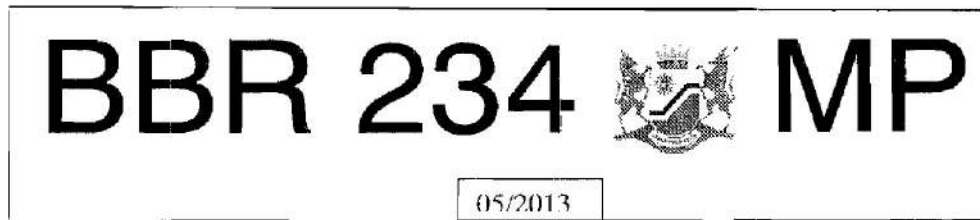
10. This notice comes into operation on the date of the publication thereof.

### SCHEDULE 1

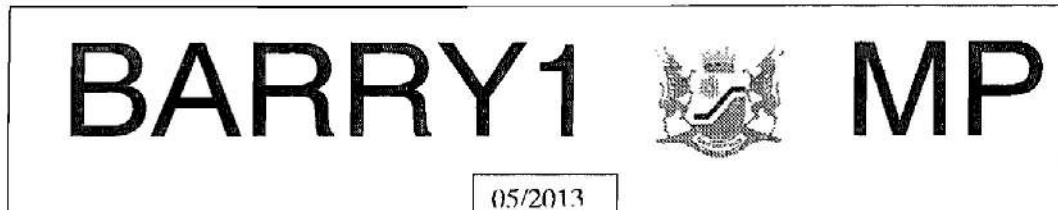
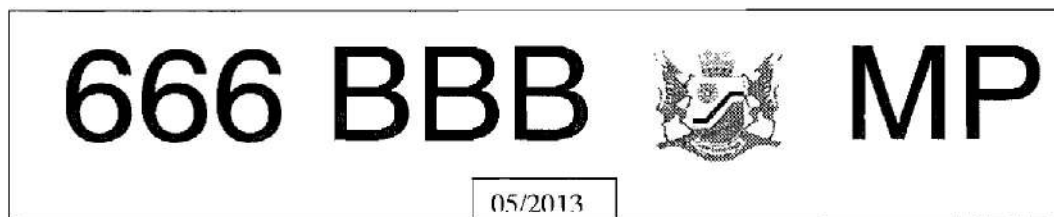
No. and Year of Notice	Title	Extent of Repeal
• Notice No. R. 1444 of 26 August 1996	Determination of Registration plates.	The whole
• Notice No. R. 1445 of 26 August 1996	Determination of Registration number system.	The whole
• Notice No. R.628 of 30 April 1997	Determination of Registration plates	The whole
• Notice No. R. 763 of 31 July 2000.	Establishment of Personalized number system	The whole
• Notice No. R.764 of 31 July 2000	Conditions for issuing a personalized registration number	The whole

SCHEDULE 2

1) A number plate will be manufactured as depicted hereunder:



2). A personalized number plate will be manufactured as depicted hereunder:



3). The coat-of-arms

(a) shall be reproduced as depicted hereunder:



(b) shall be displayed in the colour-

- (i) Brown Pantone 466V for the two kudas flanking the shield and the top section of the shield in which the Barberton daisy appears;
- (ii) Blue Pantone 661V for the upper band which bisects the shield diagonally;
- (iii) White for the lower band which bisects the shield diagonally;
- (iv) Green Pantone 335V for the bottom section of the shield and the pedestal of the shield; and
- (v) Black for the horns of the kudas flanking the shield, the coronet on top of the shield, the Barberton daises in the coronet, the Barberton daisy on the shield and for the lettering of the motto of the coat- of- arms;

(c) shall be 50mm in width and a maximum of 40 mm in height.