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GENERAL NOTICE

NOTICE 59 OF 2011

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

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

AMENDMENT OF THE NATIONAL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

I, S'busiso Joel Ndebele, Minister of Transport, acting in terms of section 75 (6) of the National Road Traffic Act, 1996 (Act No. 93 of 1996) herewith publish the regulations in the Schedule for comments; All interested parties who have any objections, inputs or comments to the proposed amendments are called upon to lodge their objections, inputs or comments, within four weeks from the date of publication of this Notice to:

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SCHEDULE

Definition

1. In this Schedule "the Regulations" means the National Road Traffic Regulations published in Government Notice No. R. 225 of 17 March 2000, as amended by Government Notice No's. R. 761 of 31 July 2000, R. 941 of 22 September 2000, R. 726 of 3 August 2001, R. 2116 of 5 October 2001, R. 779 of 4 June 2002, R. 1341 of 25 September 2003, R. 881 of 23 July 2004, R871 of 2 September 2005, R1066 of 23 November 2005, R1318 of 2 December 2005, R1319 of 2 December 2005, R891 of 4 September 2006, R964 of 29 September 2006, R404 of 4 May 2007 and R865 of 28 September 2007, R589 of 27 May 2009, R359 of 12 May 2010 and R1113 of 25 November 2010.

Amendment of regulation 1 of the Regulations

2. Regulation 1 of the Regulations is hereby amended by the insertion after the definition of "**longitudinal centre-line**" of the following definition:

"**microdot**" means a micro-particle with a diameter smaller than 1.8 mm, which bears a unique optically readable microdot identifier of which the content and structure complies with SANS 534-1; and is legible with equipment that magnifies the text 60 times."

Amendment of regulation 56 of the Regulations

3. Regulation 56 of the Regulations is hereby amended by –

(a) the insertion of the following subregulation after subregulation (1):

"(1A) Every motor vehicle registered for the first time in the Republic on or after 01 July 2011, shall be fitted with microdots which comply with the requirements of standard specification SANS 534-1 "Vehicle security – Whole of vehicle marking Part 1: Microdot systems."

- (b) the addition of the following paragraph after paragraph (b) of subregulation (5)

“(c) Apply microdots to such motor vehicle in accordance with the requirements of SANS 534-1 if not already fitted with microdots complying with requirements of SANS 534-1;”;

Amendment of regulation 337 of the Regulation

4. Regulation 337 of the Regulations is hereby amended by the insertion of regulation 337B after regulation 337A

“Manner of application for South African Police Service clearance of the motor vehicle

337A. (1) If a South African Police Service vehicle clearance for a motor vehicle is required in terms of the regulations, the motor vehicle shall be referred by means of form RPC to a designated South African Police Service vehicle clearance office for a clearance.

(2) The title holder or owner of the motor vehicle referred to in sub-regulation (1) shall ensure that microdots are applied to such motor vehicle in accordance with the requirements of SANS 534-1, if not already fitted with microdots.

(3) The motor vehicle referred to in sub-regulation (1) shall be presented to a designated South African Police Service vehicle clearance office for clearance and shall be accompanied by—

(a) the acceptable identification of the title holder or owner and that of the presenter of the motor vehicle and, in the case of a body of persons, that of its proxy and representative and a letter of proxy; and

(b) form RPC notification referred to in sub-regulation (1).

(4) On receipt of a notification referred to in sub-regulation (1), the South African Police Service-

(a) shall examine the motor vehicle by physically examining the chassis number and engine number or an electric motor number if fitted with an engine or electric motor;

(b) confirm that the motor vehicle is fitted with microdots;

(c) if not satisfied the matter must be referred to the South African Police Service Vehicle Identification Section in whose area of jurisdiction the South African Police Service vehicle clearance office is located;

(d) update the form RPC notification referred to in sub-regulation (1) and sub-regulation (3).

(5) The title holder or owner of the motor vehicle referred to in sub-regulation (1) shall, after clearance of such motor vehicle, return the RPC notification referred to in sub-regulation (4) to the appropriate registering authority.

(6) The appropriate registering authority-

(a) shall update the particulars pertaining to the motor vehicle concerned in the register of motor vehicles accordingly; and

(b) shall retain and file the form RPC notification referred to in sub-regulation (5).".

Short title and commencement

5. (a) These Regulations are called the Nineteenth Amendment to the National Road Traffic Regulations, and shall come into operation on the date to be determined by the Minister. and

(b) Paragraph (c) of regulation 212 will come into operation on 01 July 2011.
