

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **NEW CODE FOR ROAD TRAFFIC LAW ENFORCEMENT**

The Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC) has begun consultations on the National Road Traffic Law Enforcement Code (NRTLEC).

The NRTLEC aims to bring about uniformity and cohesion in relation to strategic areas, conduct and ethical behaviour of the officials within traffic law enforcement authorities and road traffic safety practitioners in general. It further seeks to provide a framework within which critical and transversal areas of traffic law enforcement fraternity could be standardised, formalised and uniform in order to advance and achieve the same goals and objectives.

Section 32 (1) of the Road Traffic Management Corporation Act 20 of 1999 provides that “for purposes of executing the road traffic law enforcement function, the RTMC CEO, in consultation with the National Commissioner, and the national organisation recognised in terms of section 2 (a) of the Organised Local Government Act 52 of 1997, must develop a national road traffic law enforcement code”. Section 32 (2) further provides that “the code must take into account local development needs, capacity and available resources, provide a national framework which sets out in respect of road traffic law enforcement, the following:

- The minimum requirements for training and appointment of road traffic law enforcement officers;

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- Strategic direction and goals to be achieved;
- Management practices and human resource practices to be followed;
- Operating principles to be applied;
- Performance levels to be achieved;
- Supporting management information systems to be implemented; and
- Actions and behaviour which constitute a failure to comply with the code as contemplated in section 33.

With the standardisation of the areas listed herein above, there is a conviction that the traffic law enforcement fraternity will uniformly address and carry out its mandate as provided for in the applicable legislation and as expected by the Citizens of the Republic.

Once it is approved by the Shareholders Committee, the NRTLEC will be binding on;

- Provincial traffic law enforcement authorities
- Local traffic law enforcement authorities
- Statutory transport institutions vested with powers to execute road traffic law enforcement functions
- Police Officers employed by SAPS who executes traffic law enforcement
- Traffic Officers employed by RTMC who executes traffic law enforcement

The provisions and application of the NRTLEC are to the extent that they are not in conflict with the Constitution or any provision of national legislation.

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