



PRESS RELEASE

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Vehicles discontinued and impounded

Thousands of motorists will be forced to find alternative means of transport to get back to work or do business after their vehicles were either discontinued or impounded during the festive season.

Traffic law enforcement officers suspended 871 motor vehicles and impounded another 154 over the Christmas long weekend (23 to 27 December).

The number of motor vehicles discontinued and impounded since the start of the festive period from the 1st of December stands at 5 349 (suspended) and 2 133 (impounded).

Vehicles were discontinued or suspended for being unroadworthy and they may not be operated on public roads until all the identified defects have been fixed.

The act of discontinuing a motor vehicle involves the removal and destruction of its licence disc or roadworthy certificate disc and issuing a notice directing that the motor vehicle shall not be operated on a public road. The notice stipulates conditions on which such a vehicle may be operated on a public road.

A vehicle must then be taken to a testing station to be examined and passed as roadworthy before it can be operated on a public road again.

Impounded vehicles are to be kept at state owned facilities until all conditions giving rise to the impoundment have been met.

Motorists are advised to avoid inconvenience by ensuring that their vehicles are in a roadworthy state before embarking on their journeys at the end of the holidays.

Tyres, wipers, brakes and steering column must in a proper and functioning state. Windscreens must be free of major cracks and the car should not emit excessive smoke.

Motorists are further advised to avoid excessive overloading of goods as this may lead to the impoundment of motor vehicles.

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