GOVERNMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

9 March 2012

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

AMENDMENT OF THE NATIONAL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

I, Sibusiso Joel Ndebele, Minister of Transport, acting in terms of section 75 of the National Road Traffic Act, 1996 (Act No. 93 of 1996) herewith makes the regulations in the Schedule.

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Sibusiso Joel Ndebele Minister of Transport

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, R865 of 28 September 2007, R589 of 27 May 2009, R359 of 12 May 2010 and R541 of 29 June 2011.

No. R. 209

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) A motor vehicle registered for the first time in the Republic on or after 1 September 2012, 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 Regulations

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

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

337B. (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 shall-

- (a) 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, refer the matter 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 subregulation (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).". and

"Storage of microdots information

337C. Notwithstanding provisions contained in SANS 534-1, all the information relating to the application of microdots, including the manufacturer, supplier and installer of microdots shall be stored on the NaTIS system.".

No. 35130 7

Short title and commencement

5. These Regulations are called the National Road Traffic Regulations, and shall come into operation on the date of publication in the Gazette.