**National Assembly**

**Question No: 1645**

**Mr K P Sithole (IFP) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

Whether the Government has any strategy to bring stability and peace to the logistics sector which is currently facing violence regarding alleged disparities in the hiring of foreign and local drivers of trucks; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW1851E

**REPLY**

The Department of Employment and Labour can amplify the reply further but it suffices to state that our President, Mr. Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa, established an Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) led by the Department of Employment and Labour, which amongst others has been tasked with the responsibilities of dealing with challenges facing the Road Freight Industry Logistics.

As the Department of Transport, we have published Government Gazette 44484 dated 23 April 2021 proposing an insertion of Regulation 116A into the National Road Traffic Regulations, 2000. For ease of reference, the aforesaid draft provides as follows:

***116A. Authority of a Professional Driving Permit issued in a foreign Country***

*(1) the Authority provided by a professional driving permit issued in a foreign country shall apply in respect of a vehicle registered in the country that issued any such permit.*

*(2) A permit referred to in sub-regulation(1), shall not apply to a vehicle registered in the republic.*

The Draft Amendments will therefore effectively ban drivers who hold a Public Drivers Permit (PDP) issued by a foreign country from operating vehicles registered in South Africa.