**National of Assembly**

**Question No: 227**

**227. Mr P Mey (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

(1) Which authority has he appointed in terms of section 7 of the National Road Traffic Act, Act 93 of 1996, as inspectors of transport manufactures, builders and importers in Gauteng;

(2) which regulations or provisions regulate (a) the issuing of permits for commercial transport operators on public roads, (b) the technical requirements pertaining to the vehicles and (c) operational requirements of such transport services;

(3) which provision requires of a truck-tractor and semi-trailer combination to be subjected to the procedure referred to as sequencing? NW305E

**Answer/Response**

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 **Answer**

Initially, the Department appointed SABS, however, due to the establishment of the National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications (NRCS) in terms of the NRCS Act, 2008 the NRCS is performing the functions of the inspectorate of manufacturers, builders and importers. The NRCS and the Department are negotiating the details of the Service Level Agreement the parties intend concluding*.*

1. Which regulations or provisions regulate (a) the issuing of permits for commercial transport operators on public roads, (b) the technical requirements pertaining to the vehicles and (c) operational requirements of such transport services;

**Answer**

1. Section 45(1)(a) of the National Road Traffic Act, 1996 (Act No.93 of 1996), provides that *“ subject to paragraph (b), the owner of a motor vehicle of a prescribed class is the operator thereof and shall upon licensing thereof, be registered as such in the prescribed manner and on the prescribed conditions”.* Section 47 also provides that no person shall operate a motor vehicle of any class contemplated in section 45(1) on a public roads unless a valid operator card is displayed on such motor vehicle in the prescribed manner.

Furthermore, Section 81 (2) of the National Road Traffic Act provides that the MEC may, after the applicant has paid the fees or charges referred to in section 7(3) and subject to such conditions as he or she may determine, authorise in writing, either generally or specifically, the conveyance in a safe manner on a public road of passengers or any load which does not comply with the loading restrictions provided for by the Act.

1. The technical requirements for such vehicles are contained in the TRH11 **Dimensional and Mass Limitations and Other Requirements for Abnormal Load Vehicles** which contains types of abnormalities, load and vehicle configurations, abnormal load classification, dimensional limitations, i.e. length, width, height, overhangs, load projections, wheelbase, turning radius, mass limitations, marking and escorting, speed restrictions, technical detail and calculations, road usage factor calculation, effective width calculation and tyre pressure calculation.
2. The operational requirements are contained in both the TRH11 **Administrative Guidelines for Granting of Exemption Permits for the Conveyance of Abnormal Loads** and **Dimensional and Mass Limitations and Other Requirements for Abnormal Load Vehicles**.

**Answer**

1. which provision requires of a truck-tractor and semi-trailer combination to be subjected to the procedure referred to as sequencing?

The requirement for sequencing is contained in the TRH11 **Administrative Guidelines for Granting of Exemption Permits for the Conveyance of Abnormal Loads** which is used by Provinces in granting permits for the operation of such vehicle on public roads.