

PROVINCIAL NOTICE

[No. 51 of 2002]

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

LICENCE NUMBER PLATE FOR THE FREE STATE PROVINCE

Under regulation 27 of the Road Traffic Regulations, 2000, issued in terms of the National Road Traffic Act, 1996 (Act No 93 of 1996) I, SMA Malebo, Member of the Executive Council responsible for road traffic determine the following:

Definitions

1. In this notice any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Road Traffic Act, 1996 (Act No 93 of 1996) and the Road Traffic Regulations, 2000, shall have the meaning so assigned to it, unless the context indicates otherwise, and –

“number plate validation label” means the self-adhesive label that will self-destruct when removed on which the licence number is displayed with security features for vehicle identification purposes;

“Province” means the Free State Province; and

“Regulations” means the National Road Traffic Regulations, published in Government Notice R225 of 17 March 2000, as amended.

Repeal of previous notice

2. Subject to paragraph 3 of this Notice, Government Notice No. 1579 of 28 November 1997, is hereby repealed.

Appearance of number plates

3. A number plate displaying a licence number issued by a Registration Authority in the Province –
 - (a) may, as contemplated in paragraph (d) of Government Notice No. 1579 of 28 November 1997, display black letters and figures on a yellow retro-reflective surface until 1 December 2002;
 - (b) may, as contemplated in paragraph (b) of Government Notice No. 1579 of 28 November 1997, display black letters and figures on a white retro-reflective surface for a period of four years from the commencement of this notice; or
 - (c) must display, in all instances not referred to in subparagraphs (a) and (b), black letters and figures on a white retro-reflective surface with a landscape as set out in Schedules 1 and 3 .

4. A motor dealer number plate displaying 'n motor dealer licence number –
 - (a) may, as contemplated in paragraph (b) of Government Notice No. 1579 of 28 November 1997, display black letters and figures on a white retro-reflective surface for a period of four years from the commencement of this notice; or
 - (b) must display, in all instances not referred to in subparagraph (a), dark blue letters and figures on a white retro-reflective surface with a landscape as set out in Schedules 1 and 3.
5. A number plate of a motor vehicle which is the property of the Free State Provincial Government –
 - (a) may, as contemplated in paragraph (b) of Government Notice No. 1579 of 28 November 1997, display black or red letters and figures on a white retro-reflective surface for a period of four years from the commencement of this notice; or
 - (b) must display, in all instances not referred to in subparagraph (a), red letters and figures on a white retro-reflective surface with a landscape with the coat of arms as set out in Schedules 2 and 3.

Display of a number and the number plate validation label

6. The number plate validation label shall be compulsory for motorcars, minibuses and buses from a date determined by the MEC in the *Provincial Gazette*.
7. After licensing the motor vehicle, the owner must –
 - (a) display the number on the motor vehicle concerned in the manner prescribed in the Regulations read with this Notice; and
 - (b) subject to paragraph 6, affix the number plate validation label inside the rear window on the lower left hand corner of the window, or if the motor vehicle does not have a rear window, or if the rear window is not transparent, the number plate validation label must be displayed in the manner prescribed in the Regulations for the display of a licence disc.
8. A number plate validation label shall be valid for a period of two years from date of issue thereof.
9. The fee for the issue of a number plate validation label shall be prescribed by the MEC.

Substitution of number plate validation labels

10. The owner to whom the number plate validation label is issued must, in the instance where the number plate validation label is stolen, lost or damaged, apply at the registration authority concerned for a duplicate number plate validation label.
11. The application referred to in paragraph 10 must be accompanied by –
 - (a) the prescribed fees;

- (b) 'n sworn statement signed by a commissioner of oath, which contain the circumstances and information under which the label has been stolen, lost or damaged; and
- (c) in the case where the number plate validation label was stolen, the relevant occurrence book number, issued by the South African Police Service.

Type of number plate and period of validity

- 12. A licence number may only be displayed on metal plates complying with SABS 1116: Part 2 (metal) by motor vehicles licensed in the Province: Provided that the motor vehicles which already have plastic plates, may display them for a period of four years from the date of commencement of this notice.
- 13. A number plate shall have a validity period of five years from the date of manufacture, which period shall end on 31 December of the year indicated underneath the cheetah on the number plate, as set out in Schedule 3, after which the owner of such motor vehicle must replace such plate.

Implementation date

- 14. This notice takes effect on 1 June 2002.

SCHEDULE 1

GENERAL NUMBER PLATE

The background shall be printed under the top coat of the retro-reflective surface with translucent ink and shall be -

- (a) a cheetah in the colour brown 0760 with black spots, 50 mm high and 84 mm wide;
- (b) sky in the colour blue 0460;
- (c) mountain range in the colour brown 0760 with black rock reeves; and
- (d) rolling hills in the colour green 0660,

which shall be depicted as follows:

SCHEDULE 2

OFFICIAL NUMBER PLATE

The background shall be printed under the top coat of the retro-reflective surface with translucent ink and shall be -

- (a) the Coat of Arms of the Free State as registered in terms of the Heraldry Act, 1962 (Act No. 18 of 1962), 50 mm wide and 50 mm high;
- (b) sky in the colour blue 0460;
- (c) mountain range in the colour brown 0760 with black rock reeves; and
- (d) rolling hills in the colour green 0660,

which shall be depicted as follows:

SCHEDULE 3

1. The letter type used for the number shall be FE modified 75mm as prescribed in the standard specifications of the South African Bureau of Standards, SABS 1116: Retro-reflective Registration Plates for Motor Vehicles.
2. The number plate shall incorporate a set of positive identification images that forms an integral part of the plate and that must be visible from an angle of between 25 to 35 degrees to a person holding such plate at arms length and tilting it to such angle.
3. The positive identification image shall not be visible at any other angle and shall not interfere with the legibility of the number plate.
4. The positive identification images shall identify the manufacturer of the number plate by means of letters or symbols, as well as the Province by way of the letters "FS" inside a 12 mm circle interspersed throughout the sheeting.
5. The expiry date of the number plate shall be in the form of decal applied to the number plate. The decal shall have a green background with white retro-reflective figures, 10 mm in height, showing a year 5 years forward from the date of manufacture.