

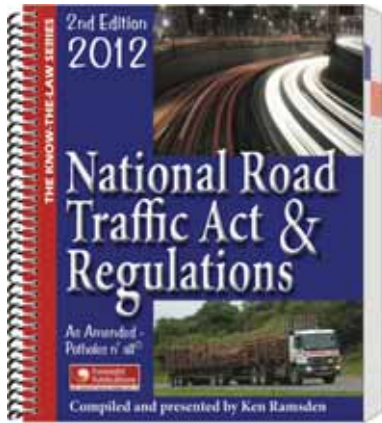
# National Road Traffic Act & Regulations

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9. Full Government Gazette references for amendments given.
10. Guidance notes inserted where appropriate.
11. Legislation errors and loopholes are indicated.
12. Explains how our traffic laws are made and gazetted.

**Reg 224 - 226** ← Section or regulation numbers shown at top corner of page

Chapter headings clearly shown → **CHAPTER VI: FITNESS OF VEHICLES**

Relevant Government Notices inserted appropriately

**226. Overhang of vehicle**

(1) No person shall operate on a public road—

(a) a semi-trailer, the front overhang of which exceeds one comma eight metres; or

(b) a vehicle, other than a semi-trailer or a trailer with one axle or one axle unit, the front overhang of which exceeds one comma two metres.

**HOW TO USE THIS BOOK**

The main body of the book is divided into two parts. The Act (on blue-flagged pages) and the Regulations (on red-flagged pages). The numerical arrangement of sections of the Act and Regulations appears at the front of each part.

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A host of useful and unique features are used throughout this book, maximising its value. In addition to those shown on this sample page, are the following symbols.

→ This **guidance arrow** indicates additional information relative to the text above it or sometimes points you to other relevant parts of the legislation

↪ This **detour sign** points out a piece of (greyed-out) legislation not yet fully implemented.

↪ This **detour sign** points out legislation under the *Road Traffic Act, 1989* which still applies.

⚠ This **pothole warning sign** draws attention to errors and omissions as well as unsound, flawed, poorly drafted or badly executed legislation and highlights loopholes and the growing incompetence of our traffic lawmakers.

→ See definition of rear overhang and wheelbase in reg 1.

**225. Turning radius and wheelbase**

No person shall operate on a public road—

(a) the maximum turning radius of a vehicle, other than a rigid goods vehicle, exceeds one comma two metres; and

(b) the wheelbase of which exceeds, in the case of—

(i) a motor vehicle, one comma two metres; or

(ii) a trailer, one comma two metres; or

(iii) two axles, the distance between the centre-lines of which is less than one comma two metres,

if the rear overhang exceeds 50 percent of the length of the body of such trailer; or

(c) any vehicle, not referred to in paragraph (a) or (b), the rear overhang of which exceeds 60 percent of its wheelbase.

← Changes to legislation indicated in small type below affected text, giving *Government Gazette* source reference for amendments or insertions

← Colour coded flags: Blue for the Act and red for the Regulations

REGULATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT  
20 September 2011  
NATIONAL ROAD TRAFFIC ACT,  
1996 (ACT NO. 93 OF 1996)  
EXEMPTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES THAT DOES (sic) NOT COMPLY WITH THE HEIGHT RESTRICTION IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ROAD TRAFFIC ACT, 1996.  
I, Sibusiso Joel Ndebele, Minister of Transport, acting in terms of section 75(1)(d) of the National Road Traffic Act, 1996, exempt the operation of motors (sic) vehicles transporting an amount of goods exceeding 2000 under the provisions of regulation 225 (b) of 1996) for the period of 7 (seven) years effective from the date of publication of this Notice until 1 January 2019.  
Sibusiso Joel Ndebele  
MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

(The above Government Notice was published in Gov Gaz 34...)

The purpose of this notice was to introduce an arrangement to relax the minimum height restriction containers which would allow them to be legal vehicles.

Although brief, the one-sentence notice manages mistakes aside from the grammatical errors which the Minister bother to read what he signs?

1. The reference to section 75 (1) (d), should read 75 (1) (d) of the National Road Traffic Act, 1996.

2. While operators were asking for the maximum 4,65 m (as is the case for a double-deck bus), include any restriction whatsoever. So, now, TH... should read 4,65 m (as is the case for a double-deck bus), include any restriction whatsoever.

3. The period of exemption reads: "for the period from the date of publication of this notice until 1 January 2019". Well the Minister has at least seven year... should read "for the period from the date of publication of this notice until 1 January 2019".

4. It would have been much more appropriate which still restricts vehicles other than double-deck buses.

The word "maximum" was erroneously inserted National Road Traffic Regulations, 2000. It did not road traffic ordinance regulations or the Road Traffic Act, 1989.

(b) the wheelbase of which exceeds, in the case of—

(i) a motor vehicle, one comma two metres; or

(ii) a trailer, one comma two metres; or

(iii) two axles, the distance between the centre-lines of which is less than one comma two metres,

if the rear overhang exceeds 50 percent of the length of the body of such trailer; or

(c) any vehicle, not referred to in paragraph (a) or (b), the rear overhang of which exceeds 60 percent of its wheelbase.

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