Fitting of Speed Limiters to Motor Vehicles

1. The Authority wishes to inform owners of buses and goods vehicles exceeding a gross weight of 3,500 kilograms and capable of a speed in excess of 70 kilometres per hour that by virtue of regulation 22 of the Road Traffic (Construction and Use of Vehicles) Regulations 2010, their vehicles were required to be fitted with a speed limiter as from 01 February 2011. With a view to enabling owners of these vehicles to have their vehicles fitted with the limiter, Government decided to extend the date of application and enforcement of the regulation 22 to 01 July 2011.

2. As many vehicles have not yet been fitted with a speed limiter, regulation 22 has now been amended (GN 127/11) to provide for the above vehicles to be fitted with a limiter by 01 July 2012.

3. Vehicles, which will go for examination purposes as from 01 July 2011 and which have not yet been fitted with a limiter, will be issued with a certificate of fitness for a period of six months only on production by their owners of a document from a prospective supplier of speed limiters confirming that necessary action has been taken for the vehicle to be fitted with a speed limiter.

4. However, as from 01 July 2012, owners of vehicles going for examination purposes should ensure that their vehicles are fitted with a speed limiter failing which the vehicles will not be issued with a certificate of fitness.

5. The speed limiter shall comply with standard BS AU 217 or an equivalent standard as may be approved and be calibrated to a maximum preset speed as set below:-

(a) Buses 70 km/hr
(b) Goods vehicles 70 km/hr
(c) Motor vehicle drawing one trailer 55 km/hr
(d) Motor vehicle drawing more than one trailer 40 km/hr

6. Owners of the above motor vehicles are informed that the following equivalent standards have been approved –

(a) AIS – 018/2001 – Specification for automotive vehicles – Speed limitation devices;
(b) SANS 20089:2006 (ECE R89:1993);
(c) E1000177 – Homologation from the German Federal Office for Motor Vehicles; and
(d) ZS 675 2006 (ICS 93.080.30) – Road Vehicles - Road Speed Limiters.

7. Suppliers of speed limiters must ensure that the speed limiters comply with standard BS AU 217 and those standards mentioned in paragraph 6 of the communiqué and are reminded that prior approval of the NTA has to be obtained for other equivalent standards.