**ROAD TRANSPORT AND SAFETY AGENCY**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**REQUIREMENT FOR FUNCTIONAL GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEMS (GPS) ON ALL PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES (PSVs)**

The Road Transport and Safety Agency (RTSA) would like to remind all Public Service Vehicle (PSV) operators that it is a mandatory requirement to have a fully operational Global Positioning System (GPS) on all buses while they are in service.

This is in accordance with The Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicle) (Global Positioning System) Regulations, Statutory Instrument (SI) No. 78 of Statutory Instrument 2016.
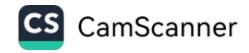
Failure to comply with **Regulation 3** of SI No 78 of 2016, which stipulates that all PSVs must be equipped with valid and functional GPS, constitutes a breach of the conditions under which the Road Service Licence (RSL) is issued. PSV operators are therefore reminded to ensure that they maintain active and properly functioning GPS systems at all times to enable real-time monitoring of vehicle speed and location; an essential safety control measure aimed at reducing road traffic crashes, safeguarding passengers, and ensuring the safety of all road users.

This violation is subject to enforcement actions, including the suspension or revocation of Road Service Licences under **Section 110(B) of the Road Traffic (Amendment)Act** No. 8 of 2022, for a period of not less than 3 months.

Furthermore, PSV **drivers are required to verify the functionality of the GPS before embarking on any trip**. Any PSV driver found operating a PSV without a functional GPS commits an offence and is liable, upon conviction, to a fine or to imprisonment or both.

PSV operators are hereby directed to ensure that vehicles with non-functional GPS units are not dispatched for any trips until the tracking systems are fully repaired and functional.

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