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MEC CELE WARNS AGAINST OVERLOADING

KwaZulu Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Bheki Cele warns all heavy motor vehicle drivers not to overload their vehicles. Damages caused by overloaded trucks are massive and the maintenance of roads is very costly. Hence control measures regarding overloaded vehicles are in place.

Every vehicle has a permissible maximum mass load, which is determined by the vehicle's gross mass. Legislation does not protect roads or bridges, but does restrict vehicles according to their manufacture's specifications. According to the National Road Traffic Act no person shall operate on a public road if his/her vehicle exceeds the permissible maximum mass load.

The degree of overloaded vehicles has showed a peak in the past two months. The highest overloaded truck recorded was on the 4th of July, weighing 24, 000 Kg at Mkondeni Weigh Bridge. The truck was from Vaayu Transport. This is totally unacceptable; hence the KZN Department of Transport has suggested that the level of enforcement be increased.

"Overloaded vehicles are a major problem on our roads because the efficiency of their braking system is affected and this usually has fatal consequences. Our weigh bridges are fully operational and all overloaded vehicles will be parked off and only released after the load has been rectified to its permissible volume. This does not only apply to trucks, but all other vehicles," said Cele

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