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PROVINCIAL TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT (PTM) CIRCULAR NO 2 OF 2004: DISCONTINUATION OF SPEEDOMETER SEALING

1. As you are aware, the objective of sealing speedometers was to ensure that the odometer reflects the true distance traveled by a vehicle, which provided the means of monitoring the performance of the vehicle and fleet and impacts on the re-sale value of the vehicle. Currently, the sealing of speedometers are being performed by emerging contractors at the Pietermaritzburg and Durban Fleet Services.
2. Changes in technology however, have seen all models of vehicles from 2001 onwards, specifically light duty vehicles, fitted with manually attached speedo cables, which are connected to the vehicle's electronic management system. Should the cable become detached, the odometer will not register any mileage driven. At the point of diagnosis during a normal service and maintenance of a vehicle with an agent, a report will be generated stating specifically that the speedometer has been tampered with or removed. Such detection, in the event of the vehicle being under warranty, will result in the vehicles warranty policy being terminated. In other words, in the event that the vehicle has a major mechanical failure, the manufacturer will not be obligated to carry out the repairs at their own cost.
3. The above concerns were discussed at the DTO Forum meeting held on 28 September 2004 and it was questioned whether this process is serving the purpose it originally intended. It was agreed that the matter be raised at the MTAC Meeting on 1 October 2004. In view of the changes in technology and the implications surrounding this issue, the MTAC resolved that the sealing of speedometers be discontinued.
4. The sealing of speedometers will therefore be discontinued with effect from 30 November 2004. Wesbank Auto has been requested to inform the merchants currently undertaking this function, that the sealing of speedometers of official vehicles has been discontinued.

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