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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

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**TO: ALL HEADS OF DEPARTMENT
MEMBERS OF THE MOTOR TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ALL DEPARTMENTAL TRANSPORT OFFICERS**

**PROVINCIAL TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT (PTM) CIRCULAR NO 22 OF 2005:
DISCONTINUATION OF GOLDEN YELLOW COLOUR FOR OFFICIAL VEHICLES : PROVINCE
OF KWAZULU NATAL**

1. In 1997, the operating costs of the vehicle fleet in the Province were in the region of R12 million a month. Control measures were subsequently put in place and these costs were reduced to R6 million a month. The management at that time felt that this amount could be further reduced with a sound policy on the replacement of vehicles and the curbing of vehicle abuse/misuse and unnecessary trips. It was considered appropriate to enlist the assistance of the public to report possible vehicle abuse/ misuse to the appropriate authorities, hence it was recommended that official vehicles should be of a unique colour that made it easily identifiable by the public.
2. In 1999, the Director General of the Province was approached for approval on a policy of the replacement and purchase of official vehicles and relevant control measures, inter alia, to adopt a unique colour for the official fleet of vehicles in the Province. The Director General agreed that the proposal be placed before MEXCO. The proposal was agreed to by MEXCO on 15 February 1999.
3. All official vehicles since then have been purchased in golden yellow colour on the National Vehicle Procurement Contract, RT77 and then the RT57. The golden yellow colour is not a standard colour for most manufacturers and in the past two financial years, the Province has paid R4,675,000-00 for under 2000 vehicles which is approximately R2,500-00 per vehicle for the special paint.
4. The Special Conditions of Contract for RT57/2005CV, paragraph 12.7. states:

“a. Purchasers of Subsidised and General Purpose Vehicles are requested to submit their colour choice per item ordered, from the standard range of paint colours offered by the manufacturer. The manufacturer is obligated to supply the colour of choice, provided that the colour is one from the standard range of paint colours as offered by the manufacturer for that item.”

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“d. General Purpose Vehicle purchasers that require colours that fall outside of the standard range of colours, and that has additional cost implications, will not be permitted.”

5. Over the past two years manufacturers have been expressing concerns at the request to supply the golden yellow colour, as it is not a standard colour and they have to outsource the respraying of the vehicles.
6. Discussions with Toyota, the manufacturer of the most popular vehicle in the Province's official fleet, have indicated that the golden yellow paint could be supplied at an additional cost of R5,000-00 per vehicle, which is twice that paid in the previous two financial years. Given the trend of purchasing approximately 1000 vehicles per year, this would result in an additional cost of R5 000 000-00 to user departments.
7. In terms of the Public Financial Management Act 1 of 1999, the Province is obliged to be prudent in its spending and this is supported by the Special Conditions of Contract of RT57/2005 CV quoted in paragraph 4 above. In addition to the distinctive colour, the vehicles in the Provincial fleet bear the following identification marks that assist in curbing vehicle abuse/ misuse:
 - ☐ A registration number with the KZN prefix;
 - ☐ The colour format on the number plates are red characters on a white retro-reflective background;
 - ☐ Identifying decals are affixed on all government vehicles to assist the public, officials, Road Traffic Inspectors and other concerned persons to report the suspected irregular use of these vehicles.
8. In view of above considerations, it was therefore recommended to the Head: Transport that the decision taken by MEXCO for official vehicles to be golden yellow, be rescinded, in order for the Province to comply with the special conditions set out in the RT57/2005CV, and that all future purchases of official vehicles be white in colour.
9. Approval has accordingly been obtained from the Head: Transport for all future purchases of official vehicles to be white in colour with effect from 1 September 2005.
10. Kindly bring the contents of this circular to all relevant officials within your departments as a matter of urgency.

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