

MEDIA STATEMENT

To: All News Editors/Transport Journalists/Stakeholders
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Media Statement - Progress on Phased AARTO National Rollout

In July 2021 the phased AARTO National Rollout Programme was announced by the Road Traffic Infringement Agency (RTIA) with an indication that it will span from 01 July 2021. In that statement, it was pointed out that the last phase of the Rollout Programme will wrap up the entire implementation by 01 July 2022 with the Points Demerit System and Driver Rehabilitation Programmes being introduced.

The phased rollout approach being the first of its kind in South Africa and the continent is progressing as planned, simultaneously addressing system challenges and dependencies that accompany such a critical road safety intervention. Phase 1, from July to September 2021, has seen the RTIA increase its national footprint through the implementation of seven (7) AARTO service outlets and online services such as the AARTO website and deployment of the AARTO mobile application.

Phase 2 in the period between October and December 2021 will witness the proclamation of the AARTO Act 46, of 1998 as amended in 67 Local and Metropolitan Municipal Areas coming online with the AARTO process. This is accompanied by the appointment of the independent Appeals Tribunal and introduction of electronic service of documents. Implementation partners in the AARTO value chain are all on board as the preparations for the full-scale national rollout are intensifying.

The Agency in its July 2021 statement was transparent with the challenges that accompany the implementation of such a massive project aimed to address road safety and compliance with road traffic laws. The Department of Transport Oversight Committee is managing the implementation of AARTO with all key stakeholders together with the lead entity, the Road Traffic Infringement Agency (RTIA) under the guidance of the RTIA Board.

The project implementation is on track for all 4 phases as announced on 01 July 2021 and look forward to Phase 4 on 01 July 2022 when the Points Demerit System and Driver Rehabilitation Programmes will become a reality for non-complaint road users to road traffic laws.

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