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## **INDUSTRY CIRCULAR**

To : ALL SECURITY SERVICE PROVIDERS

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Subject: UNIFORMS, INSIGNIA, BADGES AND THE USE OF LIGHTS ON

**SECURITY VEHICLES** 

All security service providers are hereby directed to ensure that they meet the requirements in terms of regulation 13 of the Private Security Industry Regulations, 2002 pertaining to the issuing and use of uniforms, logos and insignia.

Your attention is further drawn to regulation 13(7) that provides that any security service provider who, without legal justification wears a uniform, badge or insignia identical to, or closely resembling a uniform, badge or insignia of the SAPS, the SANDF, the Department of Correctional Services or of any other law enforcement agency or service established in terms of law, as to be calculated to deceive, is guilty of an offence and on conviction liable to a fine or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 24 months.

The Authority is also noticing an increase in the use of rotating or strobe lights on vehicles which, in terms of regulations made under the National Road Traffic Act (Act 93 of 1996), is illegal.

In this regard, please note that in terms of regulation 176 of the National Road Traffic Regulations, 2000, a vehicle driven by a security service provider in the course of

rendering a security service may be fitted with a white lens bar containing a lamp or lamps emitting an intermittently – flashing diffused white light in any direction, and containing a notice illuminated by a white light containing the word "security" and the name of the owner of the vehicle in black letters, provided that the said lamp or lamps shall not be capable of emitting a rotating or strobe light. Blue lights, red lights, yellow lights, green lights, rotating or strobe lights are therefore prohibited and the use thereof illegal.

We trust that the above information will be of assistance to you.

Yours faithfully

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