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Hauliers to oppose proposed truck-restriction measures

The road freight industry is opposing proposed regulations that will restrict truck movements during rush hour on public roads.

The Minister of Transport, Dipuo Peters, has announced her intention to institute regulations restricting goods vehicles with a gross vehicle mass (GVM) exceeding 9000kg from operating on public roads between 6 and 9am as well as 5 and 8pm on weekdays excluding weekends and public holidays. The restrictions do not apply to emergency vehicles such as fire trucks and ambulances.

Road Freight Association (RFA) spokesman Gavin Kelly said the regulations would have a drastic impact on logistics and the cost of moving freight.

According to a spokesman for Peters the regulations are aimed at ensuring a safer road environment and addressing road carnage on South African roads which have some of the highest death toll figures in the world.

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