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UPDATE ON ANTICIPATED NEW LICENCE PLATE ROLLOUT PLAN

Background

Sometime this year, we announced the introduction of new licence plate. We were motivated by the need to conform with modern technology for which reason we wanted to introduce Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) embedded plates to allow for traceability in order to promote road safety.

We were clear in our minds that two legal documents would have to be amended to make room for the successful roll out of the new licence plate. These are the Road Traffic Act, 2004 (Act 683) as well as the Road Traffic Regulation, 2012 (L. I. 2180). Specifically, the L.I. 2180 provides the specifics on what must be contained on the licence plate.

Current situation

Parliament was able to carry through the amendment in the Road Traffic Act. However, the specific provisions requiring amendment in L.I. 2180 have not been successful before Parliament went on recess on Friday December 19, 2025.

As a result, due to the fact that the L.I. 2180 amendments have not gone through, the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (DVLA) announces to the general public the suspension of the impending rollout of the new licence plate slated for January 2, 2026.

What happens from January 2, 2026

DVLA announces the extended use of the current Departure from Port (DP) stickers as well as DV Plates.

This means that anyone who has the DP sticker on their vehicle as well as a DV plate on their vehicle, could continue to use them up to a time limit to be announced by the Authority in due course.

The Authority wishes to further inform the public that the new licence plate roll out plan will take effect as soon as the legislative requirements are settled with.

We thank the general public for the constant support and ask for cooperation in this regard.

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