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PUBLIC NOTICE

NamRA WARNS AGAINST IRREGULARITIES IN TRANSIT PROCEDURES

The Namibia Revenue Agency (NamRA) expresses deep concern over recorded incidents of irregularities in transit procedures at checkpoints nationwide. We have noticed that transit vehicles destined for landlocked countries are deviating from correct procedures, thereby undermining the current transit protocols.

During a recent operation at the Windhoek-Okahandja checkpoint, NamRA officials intercepted goods and vehicles with false declarations aimed at circumventing transit procedures. Noteworthy items include a Range Rover Sport declared at 1000.00 euros, a Mercedes Benz truck at 3750.00 euros, an Iveco truck valued at 2500.00 euros, 56 bales of second-hand clothes declared at 100.00 euros and 1 incubator declared at 155.00 euros, among others.

In these instances, there was apparent disregard for proper procedures relating to warehousing and movement in bonds, which compromises the transit process and has substantial impact on revenue collection for the State.

Consequently, the detained goods and vehicles will be forfeited to the State due to evident deliberate action to evade transit procedures, as stipulated in Section 97 of the Customs and Excise Act, 1998 (Act No. 20 of 1998). Additionally, NamRA is exploring appropriate penalties against the involved Clearing Agents.

As part of our ongoing enforcement action plan, NamRA will maintain an increased presence at checkpoints during the festive season to bolster compliance efforts. NamRA is committed to upholding the integrity of transit procedures and ensuring customs and excise compliance. We strongly urge adherence to established customs regulations and encourage the public to report any irregularities to the nearest NamRA office.

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