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PUBLIC NOTICE

Protection of Public Roads from Damage and Obstruction

The Public Works Department has observed numerous instances of road damage and material spillage caused by the operation of heavy equipment and the transport of construction materials. In particular, excavators and backhoes have been seen damaging road surfaces – especially along steep gradients – while some delivery trucks have been spilling materials such as sand, gravel, and soil along public roads.

The Department reminds all operators, contractors, and equipment owners that these actions constitute offences under the Roads Act, Cap. 15.05, specifically Sections 22 and 23, which make it unlawful to damage or obstruct any public road.

Persons found responsible for such offences may be prosecuted, and upon conviction, will be liable to pay a fine and the full cost of repairing the damage. Additionally, offenders may be held civilly liable for compensatory damages where injury or loss is sustained.

Operators of trucks carrying materials are further reminded that all loads must be properly secured and covered to prevent spillage onto the roadway.

The Department urges all operators to exercise care and responsibility when using the public road network. Members of the public are strongly encouraged to be vigilant and to report any instances of road damage, spillage, or obstruction by:

- Taking photographs and videos of the occurrence (only where it is safe to do so);
- Recording the location, date, and time; and
- Contacting the Public Works Department at **(869) 467-1122** or **(869) 762-9815**, or submitting reports via the **Customer Service Portal** on the Ministry's website at www.mopieudt.gov.kn.

Timely reporting by the public significantly assists the Ministry in safeguarding the nation's road network, ensuring safer travel for all road users.

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