

# Road Freight & Road Safety

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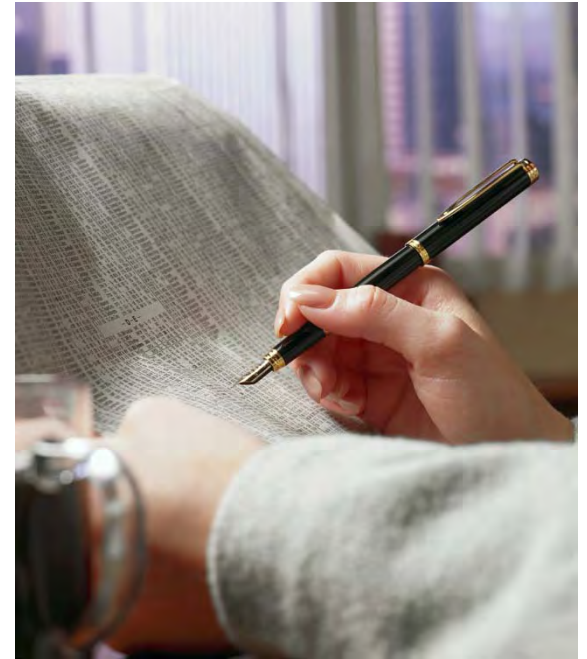
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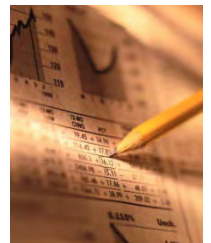
# Overview

- **Origins**
- **Fundamentals**
- **Challenges**
- **Interaction with Dept of Transport**
- **Impact on Freight**



# Origin

- **Association started in 1950's by a handful of operators to influence rates**
- **Changed guise in 1960's regarding permits and interaction with SAR**
- **1975 – the RFA as we know it today was created**
- **Nationally recognised, lobby group for road freight operators aimed at protecting interests of members**
- **Voluntary membership**



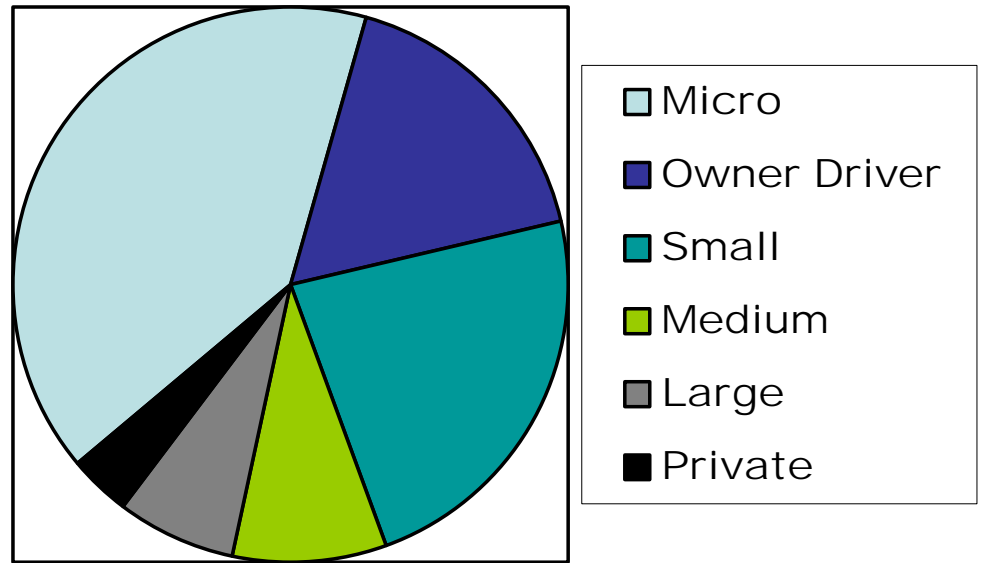
# Fundamentals

## Membership stats (Holding Company)

Represent Majority of Public Operators & 62% of employees at NBC

### Operators:

Owner Drivers	(1 – 5 trucks)
Micro	(1 – 10 trucks)
Small	(11 – 50 trucks)
Medium	(51 – 100 trucks)
Large	(>151 trucks)
Private	(own transport)



Operator Profile

**Total Operators : 385**



The Voice of the Road Transport Industry

**THE ROAD FREIGHT ASSOCIATION**

Without Trucks, South Africa stops

# Fundamentals

- **Loads**
- **Drivers**
- **Vehicles**
- **Productivity / efficiency**



# Challenges

- High levels of corruption – dominant factor
- Administrative procedures not improved
- Distrust from / towards police
- Lack of operational audit system



# Interaction with DoT

- **Driver licensing processes**
- **Vehicle roadworthiness processes**
- **Challenges regarding traffic policing**
- **Safe stopover facilities**



# Impact on Freight

## Benefits (supplementary)

- **Increased safety levels**
- **Better payload optimisation**
- **Less downtime (maintenance)**
- **Better optimised workforce**





# Impact on Freight

## Cost

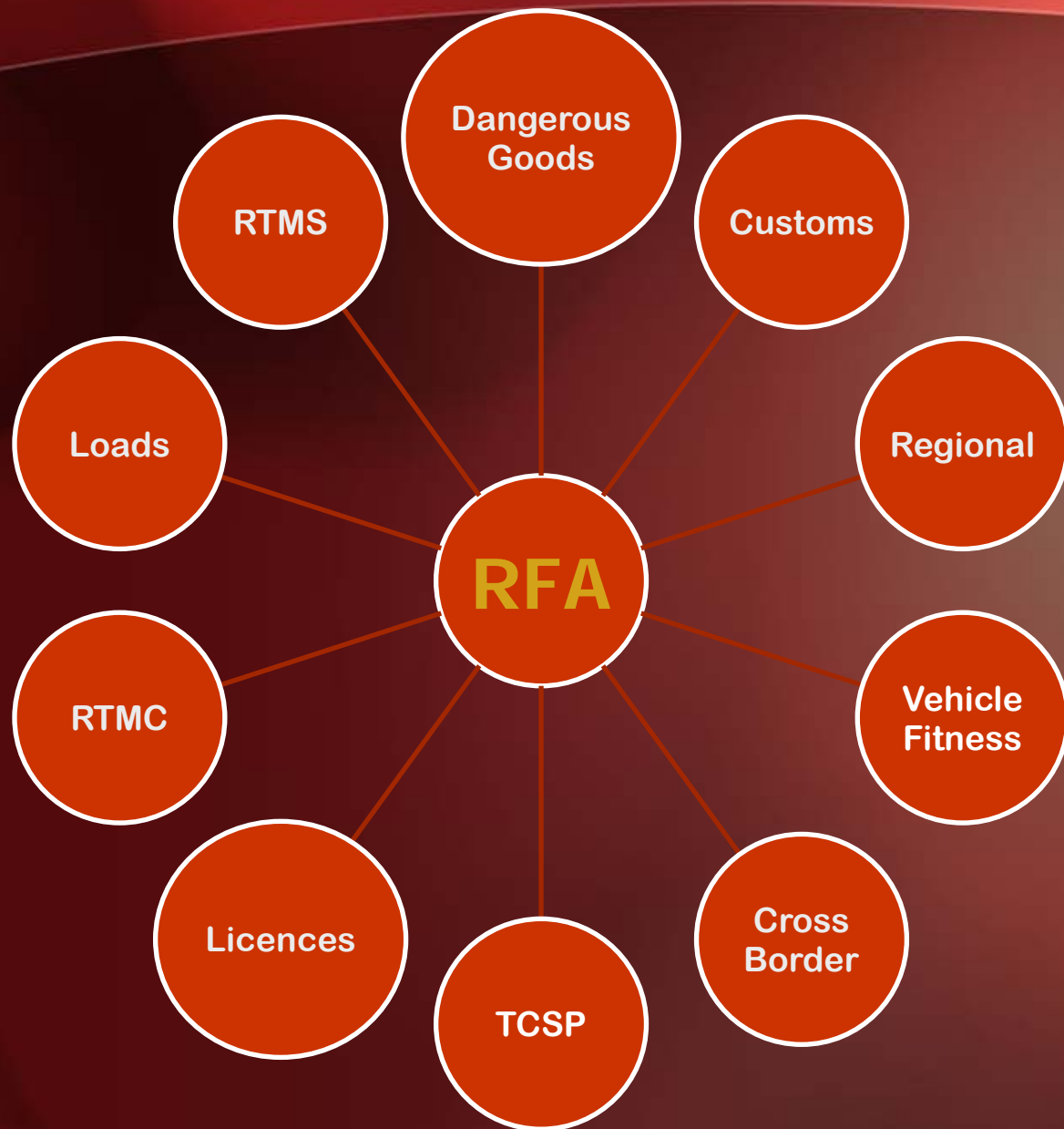
- **Initial accreditation plus annual audits**
- **Less time delay**
- **Less down-time**
- **Less penalties / fines / assessments**



# Technical



# Operational



# Lobbying



# RFA activities

## Implementation must produce:

- Safer corridors (number of incidents)
- Removal of high risk users
- Eradication of opportunities for corruption
- Fair and transparent processes
- Policing based on sound research
- Cause based action by MEC's



# **RSA vs rest of world**

South Africa has a modern and well-developed transport infrastructure. The air and rail networks are the largest on the continent, and the roads in good condition. The country's ports provide a natural stopover for shipping to and from Europe, the Americas, Asia, Australasia and both coasts of Africa.

Annual Report: Dept of Transport, 2012

# RSA vs rest of world

Despite the continuing fall out from the global economic downturn, SANRAL embarked on 160 new projects during 2009/10 – a testament to our commitment to delivering on our mandate and providing a world-class road network.

Nazir Alli – CEO SANRAL, Sanral Annual Report 2010

# Road Ahead – Smooth??







14'

12'-9"

12'-9"

220

Woman in pink shirt and dark pants standing on the right side of the road.

Two men in uniform standing near an orange traffic barrel on the left side of the road.

A dark SUV stopped behind the tilted trailer.















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