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PUBLIC ADVISORY

SAFETY RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH CONVERTED TOYOTA VOXY VEHICLES

The National Road Safety Authority (NRSA) wishes to inform the public, transport operators, vehicle owners, vehicle importers, and stakeholders of safety concerns associated with Toyota Voxy vehicles that have been converted from right-hand drive (RHD) to left-hand drive (LHD).

A Technical Working Group established by the NRSA to assess the safety and operational suitability of Toyota Voxy vehicles has identified significant risks arising from the structural conversion and operational use of these vehicles for commercial passenger transport.

Key safety concerns identified include:

1. Toyota Voxy vehicles are manufactured exclusively as right-hand drive vehicles, and the manufacturer does not approve conversion to left-hand drive for safety reasons.
2. Conversion from right-hand drive to left-hand drive involves extensive structural modifications to steering, braking, dashboard, electrical systems, suspension, and related components, which may affect vehicle integrity.
3. Many conversions are undertaken without formal standards, certification, or regulatory oversight, increasing the risk of mechanical failure and unsafe operation.
4. The Toyota Voxy was designed as a family minivan and not for commercial passenger transport, particularly for long-distance operations.
5. Field observations indicate that some vehicles registered as private are being used for commercial passenger transport, contrary to regulatory requirements.

In light of the above, the NRSA advises as follows:

- a. The public is advised that many right-hand drive to left-hand drive vehicle conversions are undertaken without approved standards, certification, or regulatory oversight, which may compromise critical safety systems and increase the risk of mechanical failure and unsafe operation.
- b. Passengers are advised against patronising Toyota Voxy vehicles, particularly for long-distance travel.
- c. Vehicle owners and operators are advised to ensure that their vehicles comply with all regulatory and safety requirements.
- d. Operators are cautioned against using privately registered vehicles for commercial passenger transport.
- e. Importers are advised to refrain from importing right-hand drive Toyota Voxy vehicles and other vehicles intended for conversion.

The NRSA, in collaboration with relevant institutions, including the Driver & Vehicle Licensing Authority (DVLA) and the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA), the Customs Division of Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA), National Insurance Commission (NIC), Motor Traffic & Transport Department (MTTD) of Ghana Police Service and Registered Road Transport Operators, is taking steps to implement recommendations arising from the Technical Working Group Report to enhance safety and protect the travelling public.

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