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Government to reconsider April 2013 RTA portal extension date

The Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) has today welcomed news that the implementation date of the extended road traffic accident claims process is to be reconsidered by the Secretary of State for Justice.

The association has been informed that, as a result of the pre-judicial review process, the Secretary of State will consider afresh when the extended protocol will be implemented. The outcome of his deliberations will not be known until the new year.

“We have said from the outset that we do not object in principle to the introduction of changes which speed up and improve the civil justice system for the benefit of all parties,” said APIL president Karl Tonks.

“Our concern in this instance, however, is that proper consideration of key issues was being sacrificed in favour of an impractical ambition to introduce extensions to the RTA portal by next April.

“We look forward now to offering further input on what the implementation date may be.”

APIL is currently considering its position in terms of bringing proceedings on other related matters raised with the Secretary of State as part of its pre-judicial review process.

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Notes to editors:



- APIL (Association of Personal Injury Lawyers) is a not-for-profit organisation whose members are dedicated to campaigning for improvements in the law to help people who are injured or become ill through no fault of their own
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