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Mr. BERNARDO S. CHANG, JR.
Chairperson
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Dear **Mr. Chang,**

This has reference to your letter dated 29 October 2025, requesting for immediate review and revocation of the 40-minute vehicle inspection time relative to the LTO Memorandum dated 28 October 2021.

Please be informed that a Technical Working Group (TWG) was created to review the existing procedures in the conduct of manual and visual inspection of motor vehicles in all district and extension offices. A draft order was submitted by the TWG and is currently under review for finalization.

Truly yours,


MARKUS V. LACANILAO
Assistant Secretary *f*





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Land Transportation Office
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Subject: Request for IMMEDIATE REVIEW and REVOCATION of the 40-Minute Vehicle Inspection Time Limit

Dear Asec. Lacanilao,

We are writing to respectfully inform you that several LTO District Offices have not yet lifted the **40-minute inspection time limit** per LTO inspector. These offices continue to enforce this policy based on the **LTO Memorandum dated October 28, 2021**. This memorandum requires owners whose vehicles have undergone emission testing at a Private Emission Testing Center (PETC) to still report to the LTO district office for a visual inspection, with a mandatory 40-minute allocation per vehicle per inspector.

We bring this specific situation to your attention following your pronouncement at our industry gathering on October 13, 2025, at Bulwagang Edu, where you characterized this artificial 40-minute imposition as a "corrupted scheme" of past administrations that requires review and potential revocation. An example of an office still imposing this restriction is the LTO District Office of Guagua, Pampanga.

The 40-minute limit effectively caps each LTO inspector's capacity at only **12 inspections per 8-hour shift**. This severely restricts the ability of District Offices to process vehicles that utilize PETC services. This limitation creates an intentional bottleneck that unfairly steers motorists toward other inspection venues or forces them into registration schemes that bypass this arbitrary duration. This practice undermines fair consumer choice, potentially shifts business to

PMVICs, and regrettably creates an environment where non-appearance in testing might thrive, thus sabotaging your administration's fight against corruption.

In the interest of the emission industry and all motor vehicle owners who deserve fair market choices and the better services PETCs can provide, we respectfully request that the non-scientific and arbitrary 40-minute imposition mandated by the LTO Memorandum dated October 28, 2021, be rescinded and rendered ineffectual immediately.

For clarity, attached are:

- (a.) The LTO Memorandum dated October 28, 2021, regarding the 40-minute inspection limit.
- (b.) PETCOA's previous letter to the former LTO administration on this subject, dated July 8, 2022.

We appreciate your fair and judicious review of this critical request.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bernardo S. Chang, Jr.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

BERNARDO S. CHANG, JR.
Chairman, PETCOA



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MEMORANDUM

TO : All Regional Directors
All Assistant Regional Directors
All Personnel Concerned

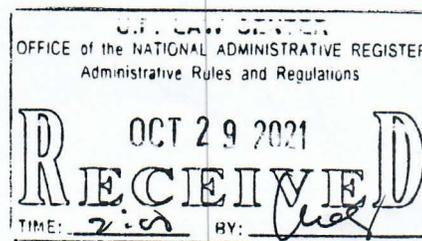
SUBJECT : Conduct of Manual and Visual Inspection of Motor Vehicles in all District and Extension Offices

DATE : 28 October 2021

To guarantee compliance not only to emission standards but, more importantly, to accepted safety standards as well, and to ensure the conduct of a bonafide inspection of all motor vehicles prior to registration, the conduct of manual and visual inspection by all MV Inspectors in the District and Extension Offices shall strictly follow the points/items for inspection and duration as specified in the enclosed MANUAL AND VISUAL INSPECTION CHECKLIST form (Annex "1").

For guidance and strict compliance.


EDGAR C. GALVANTE
Assistant Secretary

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MANUAL & VISUAL VEHICLE INSPECTION

Above Carriage Inspection Items	Duration	Under Carriage Inspection Items (with the Vehicle Jacked-up or on Ramps)	Duration
1. Body Appearance	10 mins	37. Radiator	20 mins
2. Chassis Number		38. Engine Bracket/Mounting	
3. Engine Number		39. Engine Oil Leakage	
4. Handle Bars		40. Transmission Oil Leakage	
5. Wiper/Washer		41. Steering Ball Joints	
6. Windshield/Window Glass		42. Steering Linkages/Gear Box Mounting	
7. Headlights		43. Steering Idler/Sector Shaft	
8. Signal Lights (Front)		44. Front Shackle Eyes/Pins/Bushes	
9. Signal Lights (Rear)		45. Rear Shackle Eyes/Pins/Bushes	
10. Parking Lights (Front)		46. Rear Linkages	
11. Parking Lights (Rear)		47. Brake Hoses/Pipes/Cylinders	
12. Brake Lights		48. Fuel Hoses/Pipes	
13. Back-up Lights		49. Spring U-Bolts/Nuts	
14. Clearance Lights		50. Spring Clips	
15. Number Plates/Lights		51. Shock Absorbers	
16. Hazzard Lights		52. Drive Shaft Bolts/Nuts	
17. Reflectors		53. Differential Oil Leakage	
18. Interior Lights		54. Propeller Shaft Coupling	
19. Top Light (Taxi)		55. Exhaust Pipes/Silencer	
20. Seatbelts/Anchorage		56. Chassis Frame	
21. Horn		57. Chassis Cross Member	
22. Door Hinges		58. Body Floor Board	
23. Floor Board		59. Power Steering Leakage	
24. Side Mirrow/ Rear View Mirror		60. Parking Brake Wire/Cable	
25. Clutch System		61. Head Stem Bearing	
26. Brake System			
27. Driver's/Passengers' Seats			
28. Steering Wheel			
29. Tires/Wheels			
30. Wheel Bolts/Nuts			
31. Fuel Tank/Cap			
32. Panel Gauges			
Others			
33. EWD			
34. Color			
35. Diesel Fuel System Seal			
36. Speed Limiter			
		Exhaust Emission Test	Duration
		62. CO/HC or Opacity	By PETC
		OPERATION TEST ITEMS	
		1. Side Slip Test	not possible
		2. Brake Test (Front)	5 mins
		3. Brake Test (Rear)	
		4. Brake Test (Parking)	
		5. Speedometer Test	2 min
		6. Suspension Test	3 mins
		7. Headlight Test	not possible
		8. Sound Level Test (Exhaust)	not possible

TOTAL INSPECTION DURATION	40 mins
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For an 8-hour period, the maximum vehicles that can be inspected is 12 vehicles per inspector.

- Notes:
- a. For Clutch System check: Start vehicle and check clutch operation, gear change should be smooth with one pedal press
 - b. For Brake System: Depress brake pedal. Pressure should be maintained with the pedal not touching the floor.
 - c. For Brake Test: Check the function of the brakes by doing an actual road test.
 - d. Speedometer Test: Check the function of the speedometer by doing an actual road test.
 - e. Suspension Test: Do the bounce test. Put your weight on a corner of the vehicle and and release abruptly. The vehicle should return to normal height with just a single stroke. If the vehicle bounces continuously before stopping, the shocks are worn out.

PETCOA Private Emission Testing
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July 08, 2022

Atty. ROMEO G. VERA CRUZ
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Dear Atty. Vera Cruz:

In reference to LTO Memorandum dated 28 October 2021, Subject: Conduct of Manual and Visual Inspection of Motor Vehicles in all District and Extension Offices (please refer to attachments Annexes A and B) emphasis for an 8-hour period, the maximum vehicles that can be inspected is 12 vehicles per inspector based on 40-minutes inspection duration per vehicle, PETCOA opines:

- There is no technical basis or time and motor study to arrive on this 40-minute inspection duration.
- A consequence of the memo limiting to 12 vehicles/inspector is to limit the vehicles availing of emission tests from PETCs thus giving undue advantage and favor to PMVICs which are not constrained by any inspection duration. The memo is selectively implemented, only in areas where PMVICs are operating.
- We observe that inspection in the LTO district and extension offices are mostly done by non-organic personnel, also referred as stencil boys. PETC and its TESDA-certified MVECTs are also trained and capable of conducting above and under carriage inspection. We recommend that PETC and its MVECTs be utilized/authorized to conduct inspection also. This will hasten the process and reduce complaints from motorists who prefer PETCs over PMVICs for emission tests.
- Since the priority of MVIS is public safety, LTO and PMVIC should focus on the inspection of Public Utility Vehicles, such as taxis, cargo vehicle, motorcycle delivery services, TNVS, UVs, jeepneys, and buses, which are intended for public conveyance. We recommend that the establishment of PMVIC for heavy-duty vehicles (HDV) be given priority over the current PMVIC for light duty vehicles.

Respectfully yours,


BERNARDO S. CHANG, JR.
 Chairman, PETCOA

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