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Assistant Secretary
Land Transportation Office
East Avenue, Diliman
Quezon City 1101

Subject: **FORMAL REQUEST FOR REPRESENTATION IN LTO TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) ON THE CONDUCT OF VISUAL AND MANUAL INSPECTION**

Dear Asec. Lacanilao,

We are pleased to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 20 November 2025 that confirms the formation of a Technical Working Group (TWG) to review the existing procedures for the conduct of manual and visual inspection of motor vehicles in all District and Extension Offices.

As the association representing the **Private Emission Testing Centers (PETCs)**, the primary sector immediately affected by the policies, we believe our operational knowledge, decades long experiences, and technical expertise are critical to the success of the TWG. Our input is essential to developing a policy that is not only safe and roadworthy but also efficient, practical, and fair to both the LTO and the motoring public. For the record, PETCOA has been appointed as a private sector representative in PETC - PMVIC TWG through the DOTr DO 2023-001 "Reconstitution of PMVIC PETC Authorization Committee and Subcommittees" dated 12th January 2023.

Given that the TWG's review stems directly from the issues raised regarding the 40-minute inspection time limit (LTO Memorandum dated October 28, 2021), we are confident that tapping PETCOA's technical expertise will help ensure the final draft order results in a robust and practical policy that upholds the LTO's mandate while eliminating arbitrary bottlenecks.

We formally request the inclusion of a representative from the Private Emission Testing Center Owner's Association in the Technical Working Group. We are prepared to offer our full cooperation to strengthen the final policy.

Thank you for your favorable consideration.

Respectfully yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bernardo S. Chang, Jr.", is written over the words "Respectfully yours".

BERNARDO S. CHANG, JR.
Chairman, PETCOA



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Department Order No. 2023-001

Subject : RECONSTITUTION OF THE PRIVATE MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION CENTER (PMVIC) AND PRIVATE EMISSION TESTING CENTER (PETC) AUTHORIZATION COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEES

Date : 12 January 2023

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation (DOTr) is the primary government agency responsible for promoting, developing and regulating a dependable and coordinated transportation system;

WHEREAS, DOTr, under Executive Order No. 125, *series of 1987*, has power to call on any agency, corporation or organization, whether public or private to participate and assist in the preparation and implementation of its programs;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 4136, otherwise known as the "*Land Transportation and Traffic Code of the Philippines*," Land Transportation Office (LTO) is mandated to (a) Inspect and Register Motor Vehicles, (b) Issue Driver's Licenses and Permits, (c) Enforce Land Transportation Laws and Traffic Rules and (d) Adjudicate Traffic Violation Cases;

WHEREAS, in connection with LTO's mandate to inspect and register motor vehicles, Section 16 of R.A. No. 4136 provides that:

"xxx if on inspection as provided for in paragraph (G) of Section four hereof, any motor vehicle found to be unsightly, unsafe, overloaded, improperly marked or equipped, or otherwise unfit to be operated, or capable of causing excessive damage to minimum standards and specifications, the Commissioner (now Assistant Secretary) may refuse to register the said motor vehicle, or if already registered, may require the number plates thereof to be surrendered to him, and upon seventy-two hours' notice to the owner of the motor vehicle, suspend such registration until the defects of the vehicles are corrected and/or minimum standards and specifications fully complied."

WHEREAS, Section 21 of R.A. No. 8749, otherwise known as the "*Clean Air Act of 1999*," mandates the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and DOTr to establish procedures for inspection of motor vehicles and testing of their emission, for the purpose of determining the concentration and/or rate of emission pollutants discharged by said sources;

WHEREAS, DENR-DTI-DOTC (DOTr) Joint Administrative Order (JAO) No.1, *series of 2007*, mandates the conduct of emission testing prior to renewal of motor vehicle registration, redemption of confiscated motor plates and registration of imported, used and rebuilt vehicles, as required by R.A. No. 8749;

WHEREAS, pursuant to R.A. No. 4136 and Administrative Order No. 91-005, as amended by Administrative Order No. ACL-2009-018, DOTr/LTO is mandated to ensure roadworthiness of motor vehicles prior to registration;

WHEREAS, DOTr earlier issued Department Order (D.O.) No. 2022-020, providing for DOTr and LTO's joint authority to exercise authorization, monitoring and regulation of PETCs and PMVICs;

WHEREAS, R.A. No. 11032, or the "*Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018*," provides that the number of signatories in any document shall be limited to a maximum of three (3) signatories, and that in case of absence of the official signatory, an alternate may be designated as signatory;

NOW THEREFORE, I, JAIME J. BAUTISTA, Secretary of the Department of Transportation, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, hereby orders the constitution of an *Authorization Committee* and other subcommittees:

Section 1. Authorization Committee. The PMVIC and PETC *Authorization Committee* is hereby constituted, to be composed of the following:

Chairperson	:	Undersecretary for Legal Affairs, DOTr
	:	Alternate Member - Director for Legal Service, DOTr
Vice-Chairperson	:	Assistant Secretary, LTO
	:	Alternate Member - Executive Director, LTO
Member	:	Assistant Secretary for Finance and Comptrollership, DOTr
	:	Alternate Member - Director for Finance & Management Service, DOTr

Section 2. Functions. The *Authorization Committee* shall:

- 2.1 Evaluate and review all applications for authorization and renewal of both PETC and PMVIC, subject to promulgated guidelines and procedures;
- 2.2 Issue *Show Cause Orders, Resolutions, and Decisions* relating to violations of D.O., Memorandum Circulars, and other orders that DOTr may issue; and
- 2.3 Perform other duties and functions in the proper implementation of this D.O.

Section 3. *Technical Working Group (TWG), Administrative Support Staff (ASS), and Adjudication and Prosecution (A&P).* To aid the Authorization Committee in reviewing documents (financial, technical and legal components) and to provide administrative support relative to PETC and PMVIC applications, the TWG, ASS and A&P are likewise constituted as follows:

Head	:	Director, Franchising Review Staff, DOTr
Vice-Head	:	Director II, LTO
Members:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. LTO REMC¹ represented by all Regional Directors for their respective jurisdiction; 2. Five (5) Personnel from DOTr; 3. Five (5) Personnel from LTO; 4. One (1) Representative from PETCOA;² and 5. One (1) Representative from VICOAP;³ 		
Administrative Support Staff:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Five (5) Administrative Staff from DOTr; and 2. Five (5) Administrative Staff from LTO; 		
Adjudication and Prosecution:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Two (2) Lawyers from DOTr; and 2. Two (2) Lawyers from LTO. 		

Section 4. *Monitoring and Inspection Team (MIT).* To monitor compliance with guidelines, conduct ocular inspection of premises of PMVIC/PETC and IT Service Providers, and issue *Preventive Suspension Orders*, an MIT is likewise constituted as follows:

Head	:	Director, Investigation Security & Law Enforcement Staff, DOTr
Vice-Head	:	Special Investigator III, DOTr
Members	:	DOTr Information Technology (IT) Staff and other Support Staff

All prior issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this D.O. are superseded and modified accordingly.

For immediate and strict compliance.


JAIME J. BAUTISTA
 Secretary 



¹ LTO Regional Evaluation and Monitoring Committee.

² Private Emission Testing Center Owner's Association.

³ Vehicle Inspection Center Operators Association of the Philippines.