



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2024 - 001

SUBJECT : **AMENDED GUIDELINES GOVERNING THE USE OR ATTACHMENT OF SIRENS, BELLS, HORNS, WHISTLES OR SIMILAR GADGETS THAT EMIT EXCEPTIONALLY LOUD OR STARTLING SOUNDS AND DOME LIGHTS AND OTHER SIMILAR SIGNALING OR FLASHING DEVICES ON MOTOR VEHICLES**

DATE : 18 **APRIL 2024**

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation (DOTr) is the primary policy, planning, programming, coordinating, implementing, regulating and administrative entity of the executive branch of the government in the promotion, development, and regulation of dependable and coordinated network of transportation systems and has authority to administer and enforce all laws, rules and regulations relative to transportation;

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 96 (PD 96), directed the Commissioner of the Land Transportation to draw and promulgate rules and regulations necessary to give effect to "THE USE OR ATTACHMENT OF SIRENS, BELLS, HORNS, WHISTLES OR SIMILAR GADGETS THAT EMIT EXCEPTIONALLY LOUD OR STARTLING SOUNDS, INCLUDING DOME LIGHTS AND OTHER SIGNALLING OR FLASHING DEVICES ON MOTOR VEHICLES AND PROVIDING CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS THEREFOR";

WHEREAS, adhering to the said directive, the Bureau of Land Transportation (now the Land Transportation Office) issued Administrative Order No. 1, series 1973 which set the rules in regulations set forth under PD 96;

WHEREAS, Section 3 of Administrative Order No. 18, series 2024 issued by the President directed the DOTr to review, evaluate and update existing policies and guidelines to ensure the effective implementation of said Order;

WHEREAS, the need to update and harmonize existing policies and guidelines on the use and attachment of sirens, bells, horns, whistles or similar gadgets that emit exceptionally loud or startling sounds and dome lights and other similar signaling or flashing devices on motor vehicles;

NOW THEREFORE, I, JAIME J. BAUTISTA, Secretary of the Department of Transportation, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, hereby issues this Administrative Order amending parts thereof of Administrative Order No. 1, series 1973;

SECTION I. PROHIBITION

Except when specifically allowed elsewhere in these regulations, the following attachments on any motor vehicle are prohibited:

1. Sirens, bells, horns, exhaust whistles or similar gadgets that emit exceptionally loud or startling sounds;
2. Blinkers and/or any flashing lights of any colors installed in either front or rear of Motor Vehicle; and
3. Other similar signaling or flashing devices that actually impede and confuse traffic and which are inconsistent with sound traffic discipline and control on the highways.

SECTION 2. AUTHORIZED ATTACHMENTS

In the interest of safety and public welfare, the following attachments, gadgets and signaling and/or flashing devices shall be installed in each and every motor vehicle:

1. Ordinary horn to warn other motorists and pedestrians.
2. Amber or yellow directional flashers installed in front and rear of the motor vehicle.
3. Hazard Warning Lamp shall be amber or yellow installed in front and rear of motor vehicles used to warn other motorists and pedestrian in case of emergency.
4. Driving Beam (Main Beam) shall be colored white or selective – yellow light, while lights at the rear of the motor vehicles shall be colored red, yellow and/or orange.
5. Tail lights, stop lights, license-plate lights and parking lights shall be installed in all motor vehicles.
6. Additional lamps and light may be carried but registered to the LTO, but no red lights shall be visible forward or ahead of the vehicle.

Trucks, buses, trailers and other similar vehicles must carry while in use on any public highway during nighttime, colored riding lights on each of the four corners not more than ten centimeters from the top.

7. Other devices required in Republic Act 4136 or as may be required by the Land Transportation Office designed for safety and convenience of the general public and motorists.

SECTION III. MOTOR VEHICLE AUTHORIZED TO HAVE GADGETS MENTIONED IN SECTION I OF THIS ORDER

In the interest of safety and public welfare, the following motor vehicles shall be allowed to be equipped with gadgets mentioned in Section I of this Order:

1. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION

a) LAW ENFORCEMENT MOTOR VEHICLES

May be equipped with color red, white and blue roof – mounted blinkers and/or sirens

b) FIRE TRUCKS

May be equipped with color red and blue roof – mounted blinkers sirens and/or bells

c) HOSPITAL AMBULANCES

May be equipped with color blue roof – mounted blinkers and sirens

d) TOWER SERVICE CARS AND WRECKERS

May be equipped with color yellow roof – mounted blinkers only

2. The following motor vehicles of the Law Enforcement Agencies are authorized to be equipped with gadgets, attachments and devices as indicated:

a) ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES:

Only Marked Patrol motor vehicles including motor cycles

b) NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Only Marked Patrol Motor Vehicles including motor cycles

c) PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE

Only Marked Patrol Motor Vehicles including motor cycles

d) LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE

Only Marked Patrol Motor Vehicles including motor cycles

e) BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION

Only Marked Fire Trucks – dome lights, ordinary sirens and/or bells

f) HOSPITALS, CLINICS AND MEDICAL CENTERS

Ambulance with appropriate markings as identified by the Department of Health under Department of Health (DOH) Administrative Order No. 2018-0001 dated 31 January 2018 with subject "Revised rules and regulations governing the licensure of land ambulances and ambulance service providers.

Patient Transport Vehicles should not bear the marking of the word "AMBULANCE" but shall instead be labeled as "PATIENT TRANSPORT VEHICLE.", which **shall not be equipped** with any type of blinkers, sirens, and/or any similar gadgets.

g) All other government motor vehicles not included in the above-mentioned list shall secure necessary permit from the Land Transportation Office (LTO) with the necessary documents:

- i. Request duly signed by the Head of Office/Agency;
- ii. Printed colored pictures of the motor vehicle;
- iii. Latest Official Receipt/ Certificate of Registration; and
- iv. All other documents that the LTO deems necessary

SECTION V. REPORTS

Reports of all violations committed against the provisions of RA 4136, Presidential Decree No. 96 and these rules and regulations shall be furnished to the Land Transportation Office for appropriate action and disposition.

SECTION VI. PENALTIES

As prescribed under Joint Administrative Order 2014 – 001, Title II, Violations in connection with **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION/RENEWAL/OPERATION** specifically:

"d. MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATING WITHOUT OR WITH DEFECTIVE/ IMPROPER/ UNAUTHORIZED ACCESSORIES, DEVICES, EQUIPMENT AND PARTS

This includes bells/horns/sirens/whistles, blinkers, brakes, early warning device (EWD), grill/s, jalousies, brake (foot and hand brakes), brake lights/headlights/interior lights/signal lights/tail lights, mirrors, mufflers, metallic tires/spare tire, speedometer, windshield, wipers or any other accessory, device, equipment or part that is manifestly prejudicial to road safety"

Shall pay a fine in the amount of **Php5,000.00** and the device, equipment or gadget shall be confiscated in favor of the government.

In addition, the motor vehicle shall be impounded until payment of fine is settled and corresponding accessory, device, equipment or part is properly installed, corrected or removed, as the case may be.

SECTION VII. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

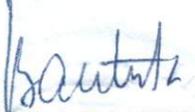
If any part or provision of this Order is held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions which are not affected shall continue to remain in full force and effect.

SECTION VIII. REPEALING CLAUSE

All orders, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed, amended or modified, accordingly.

SECTION IX. EFFECTIVITY

This Order shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication in a newspaper of general circulation and filing of three (3) copies thereof with the Office of the National Administrative Register (University of the Philippines Law Center).


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