RECLASSIFICATION OF TOURIST TRANSPORT SERVICES

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It has been a continuing policy of the transport agencies and offices of the Government to boost tourism, a rich source of revenue for the country.

In this regard, the Department of Tourism (DOT), Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) and the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) have signed a Memorandum of Agreement to provide better transport facilities for our tourists in the hope of boosting the tourism industry.

Pursuant to this Memorandum of Agreement, the three (3) agencies have also signed the "Rules and Regulations Implementing the Memorandum of Agreement on the Rationalization of the Public Utility Vehicle System in Tourism".

In relation to the aforesaid purposes, this Board hereby reclassifies tourist transport service as follows:

1. Tourist Shuttle Service: refers to heavy duty passenger vans moving on wheels or runners, all seats facing front, with luggage compartment, with concessionaire agreement, plying the international and/or domestic airports, seaports and/or hotels covered with tourist shuttle service franchise, which fare charges are predetermined by the Board, requiring minimum of three (3) units at maximum age limit of 10 years from date of manufacture;

2. Tourist Metered Taxi Service: refers to 4-door sedan vehicles or Asian Utility Vehicle with concessionaire agreement, plying the international and/or domestic airports, seaports and/or hotels covered with tourist metered taxi service franchise which fare charges are by meter with receipts, requiring minimum of ten (10) units, at maximum age limit of 10 years from date of manufacture, and with 2-way radio;

3. Tourist Coupon Taxi Service: refers to 4-door sedan vehicles with concessionaire agreement, plying the international and/or domestic airports, seaports and hotels covered with tourist coupon taxi service franchise, which fare charges are predetermined by the Board, requiring minimum of ten (10) units, at maximum age limit of 10 years from date of manufacture;

4. Tourist Chartered Service: refers to bus, coaster, van (other than AUV) and 4-door sedan vehicles catering to tourists covered with tourist chartered service franchise which fare charges are predetermined by the Board, requiring minimum of three (3) units, at maximum age limit of 15 years for bus and coaster and 10 years for van and car, from date of manufacture.

To record and control the number of tourist service vehicles to be granted CPCs by the Board within the purview of the DOTC Policies, Plans and Programs for land transportation, the following shall be adopted:

1. The applicant shall secure from the Department of Tourism (DOT) indorsement for its application for a particular tourist transport service enumerated above;

2. The DOT indorsement shall be forwarded to DOTC Planning for evaluation consistent with the latter's existing guidelines;

3. Once approved, the DOTC shall forward the same to the Board for franchise application.

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The above cited procedures and requirements shall be in addition to those already enforced by the Board in applications for CPCs. Applications for extension of validity of existing CPCs for tourist transport services, shall, likewise, be covered by this Memorandum Circular.

All other Memorandum Circulars inconsistent with this circular are hereby amended and/or repealed.

This Memorandum Circular takes effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation or by filing of three (3) copies of the same with the U.P. Law Center pursuant to Presidential Memorandum Circular No. 11, dated October 9, 1992.

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