

DIRECTING ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICES TO STRICTLY COMPLY WITH PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 96 DECLARING UNLAWFUL THE INDISCRIMINATE USE OF SIRENS, BLINKERS OR SIMILAR DEVICES

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WHEREAS, the indiscriminate use of sirens, blinkers or similar devices obstructs the efficient flow of traffic along the country's major thoroughfares;

WHEREAS, the improper use of these devices poses as a safety and traffic hazard to both motorists and pedestrians;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to remind concerned government offices and agencies of the proper use of these devices;

WHEREAS, on January 13, 1973, Presidential Decree No. 96 was issued declaring it unlawful for any owner or possessor of any motor vehicle to use or attach to his vehicle any siren, bell, horn, whistle or similar gadgets that produce exceptionally loud or startling sounds, including domelights, blinkers and other similar signaling or flashing devices;

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 96, such gadgets or devices may be attached to and used only on motor vehicles designated for official use by the Armed Forces of the Philippines, National Bureau of Investigation, Land Transportation Office, Police Departments, Fire Departments and hospital ambulances;

WHEREAS, in order to serve as an example and encourage the general public to comply with the provisions of Presidential Decree No. 96, government officials and employees not falling within the exceptions provided for therein should take the lead in strictly observing the prohibitions on the use of sirens, blinkers or similar and devices as provided for in Presidential Decree No. 96;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order all government offices and agencies to strictly adhere to the provisions of Presidential Decree No. 96 dated January 13, 1973.

Adopted: 30 June 2005

(SGD.) GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO

By the President:

(SGD.) EDUARDO R. ERMITA
Executive Secretary

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