



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
 Bonifacio Drive, Port Area, Manila

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DEPARTMENT ORDER)
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NO. 73)
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Series of 2018)

SUBJECT : Prohibition of Gantry Signs Within the Road Right-of-Way of National Roads

It has been observed that unauthorized gantry signs, with road messages, advertisements, are installed or displayed within the road right-of-way of national roads. These materials distract or obstruct the view of motorists or interpretation of official traffic signs, signals and devices, as well as constitute serious hazards and pose imminent danger to the public in the event the fastenings give way during strong winds, typhoons, and other calamities.

In view thereof, the installation of these materials within the road right-of-way shall be discontinued in the interest of public safety and convenience and of the common good. Those already installed shall be removed upon observance of due process whereby owners of these signs are given a non-extendible period of fifteen (15) days to dismantle the same. Otherwise, the following sanctions may be imposed:


- a. Removal or cause to be removed *motu proprio* by the concerned DPWH Regional/District Engineering Office pursuant to D.O. No. 73, Series of 2014;
- b. Imposition of penalty as prescribed by Sections 212 and 213 of the National Building Code of the Philippines (PD 1096); and
- c. Filing of appropriate legal action pursuant to Administrative Order No. 160-A and the Civil Code of the Philippines.

To prevent the installation of these materials within the road right-of-way of national roads, all DPWH Regional Directors, District Engineers and other concerned are hereby directed to strictly enforce the provisions of Chapter 20 of the National Building Code of the Philippines (PD 1096) and its Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations, Administrative Orders No. 160 and 160-A, Series of 2006, Section 6, Article XIII of Administrative Order No. 14, Series of 1958 and Section 23 of Presidential Decree No. 17, Revised Philippine Highway Act, regulating the display and installation of advertising signs or notices, and Department Order No. 73, Series of 2014.

The District Engineers shall submit to the Secretary, through their respective Regional Directors, copy furnished the National Building Code Development Office (NBCDO), quarterly status reports on the implementation of this Order, using the attached format, within five (5) days after the end of each quarter.

Appropriate sanction will be taken against those who fail to comply with the provisions of this Order.

This Order shall take effect immediately.


MARK A. VILLAR
 Secretary

Encl: as stated/attached

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**QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT ON REMOVAL OF THE UNAUTHORIZED DISPLAY/INSTALLATION OF GANTRY SIGNS
AND OTHER PARAPHERNALIA WITHIN THE ROAD RIGH-OF-WAY OF NATIONAL ROADS**

For the _____ Quarter of Year _____

DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE (DEO): _____ REGION: _____ DATE PREPARED: _____

DESCRIPTION OF THE GANTRY SIGNS / PARAPHERNALIA	OWNER/OFFICE ADDRESS / CONTACT NOS.	LOCATION / STATION	WHO GRANTED / AUTHORIZED THE DISPLAY / INSTALLATION	DEO ACTION UNDERTAKEN IN COORDINATION WITH THE LOCAL BUILDING OFFICIAL	NUMBER OF GANTRY SIGNS REMOVED / DEMOLISHED	STATUS OF THE LEGAL ACTION INITIATED

Submitted by:

DISTRICT ENGINEER