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SUBJECT: Revised Rules and Regulations
Governing Limited Access
Highways

By virtue of the authority granted the Secretary of Public Works and Highways under Section 3 of R.A. 2000, otherwise known as the Limited Access Highway Act, the following revised rules and regulations governing limited access highways are hereby promulgated for the guidance of all concerned:

1. Administrative Order No.1 dated February 19, 1968, issued by the Secretary of the then Department of Public Works and Communications, is hereby amended by deleting the word "motorcycles" mentioned in Section 3 (h) thereof. Therefore, motorcycles are hereby allowed to operate inside the toll roads and limited access highways, subject to the following:
 - a. Motorcycles shall have an engine displacement of at least 400 cubic centimeters (cc) provided that:
 - (i) there are no sidecars attached and that the motorcycle only has two wheels;
 - (ii) only one backrider shall be allowed;
 - (iii) the motorcycles are roadworthy and comply with all provisions of the Land Transportation and Traffic Code (RA 4136 as amended).
 - (iv) motorcycles shall be duly licensed by the Land Transportation Office (LTO) and have complied with all licensing requirements;
 - (v) motorcycle operators shall also be duly licensed;
 - (vi) motorcycle riders must comply with all safety requirements prescribed by competent authorities;
 - (vii) motorcycles shall travel with their headlights on at all times to improve their visibility to other toll road and limited access highway users; tail lights and turn signal lights must be operational;
 - (viii) no cargo shall be allowed on motorcycles except for normally accepted saddlebags and luggage carriers designed for motorcycles; and
 - (ix) motorcycles shall not be allowed to "lane-split" or overtake in between lanes.
 - b. Speed limits for motorcycles shall be:
Minimum speed - 60 km per hour
Maximum speed - 100 km per hour
 - c. Motorcycles shall pay the same rate as cars (motorcycle is a two axle vehicle).
 - d. The motorcycle operator and its lone backrider shall each use a protective motorcycle helmet. The backrider shall be provided with a seat and footrest.
 - e. Motorcycles are encouraged to avail of electronic toll collection equipment (E-Pass), if available.

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- f. Motorcycles shall use the lanes normally used by other vehicles in accordance with safe motoring practice.
 - g. Motorcycle operators shall conform to the requirements of law, rules and regulations of the LTO and other pertinent rules and regulations including those of the expressway/toll road operator.
2. Violations of any provision of this Order shall be punishable under Section 10 of R.A. No. 2000.

This Department Order supersedes all other orders, instructions and instructions or portions thereof inconsistent herewith.

This Department Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication twice, once a week, in two newspapers of general circulation.


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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Public Works and Communications
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Manila

February 19, 1968

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

NO. I

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Highways.

By virtue of the authority granted the Secretary Public Works and Communications under Section 3 of R.A. 2000, otherwise known as the Limited Access Highway Act, the following rules and regulations governing limited access highways are hereby promulgated for the guidance of all concerned:

Section I – All rules and regulations provided for under R.A. 4136, and Administrative Order No. 14 of this Department, dated September 1, 1958, insofar as they relate to the use of, and control of traffic on national roads and are not inconsistent with any part, intent or purposes of this Order and R.A. 4136 are made applicable to limited access roads and are, hereby made a part of this Order.

Section 2 – No person shall have any right of ingress or egress to, from or across limited access facilities to or from abutting lands, except at such designated points at which access may be permitted upon such terms and conditions as may be specified from time to time.

Section 3 – On limited access highways, it is unlawful for any person or group of persons to:

- (a) Drive a vehicle over, upon, or across any curb, central dividing island, or other separation or dividing line;
- (b) Make a left turn, a semi-circular, or U-turn except through an opening provided and allowed for that purpose in the dividing island, or the central barrier yellow line;
- (c) Drive any vehicle except in the proper line provided for that purpose and in the proper direction and to the right of the central dividing island or the central barrier yellow line;
- (d) Drive any vehicle into the limited access facility from a local service road except through an opening provided for that purpose in the dividing island or dividing line which separate such service road from the limited access facility proper;
- (e) Stand, stop, load, unload, or park a vehicle on limited access highway, except in places provided therefore or when necessary, to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with law or directions of police officer or traffic-control device; or in cases of emergency or machinery breakdown or accident in which case, such vehicle shall be removed from the travel way without delay. No person shall make repairs on the travel way;

- (f) Drive a vehicle at a speed more than the prescribed maximum of 100kph or less than 60kph, except when necessary to make a turn or avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with law or directions of a police officer or traffic control device, or when accelerating or decelerating lanes. Slow moving vehicles shall always keep the right lane and shall use the left lane only when passing. The maximum and minimum speed limits herein prescribed or to be prescribed may, however be changed by the Secretary of Public Works and Communications upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Public Highways if after a thorough traffic and engineering study such a change is necessary;
- (g) Jaywalk, loiter, litter, or travel by foot, drive or herd animals, conduct or hold rallies, parades, funeral processions and the like;
- (h) Drive any bicycle, tricycle, pedicab, motorcycle or any vehicle (not motorized);
- (i) Drive any kind of vehicle or equipment having overall height of more than 14 feet or incapable of traveling at least 60 kph;
- (j) Install, erect, overhang, place or display within or on the property acquired for or designate as limited access facility, advertisement signs, markers or streamers of any description;
- (k) Remove, displace, tamper or make any alteration in the soil, pavement, traffic sign and control devices, fences, trees and other vegetation;

Section 4 – Telegraph, telephone, electric power lines and poles and underground pipelines, conduits and cables may be erected, installed and maintained on Limited Access Highways only upon such terms and conditions as may be specified in a permit to be issued by the Commissioner of Public Highways with the approval of the Secretary of Public Works and Communications. The Secretary of Public Works and Communications upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Public Highways may required all or any portion of such installations placed underground in any section or in the entire length of any limited access highways.

Section 5 – No highway or street which is not part of the limited access highway system shall intersect the same at grade, no city, town or barrio street, provincial or national highways, or other public way shall be opened into or connected with any such limited access facility without the consent and previous approval of the Secretary of Public Works and Communications, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of the Public Highways.

Section 6 – Violations of any provision of this Order shall be punishable under Section 10 of R.A. No. 2000;

Section 7 – This order shall take effect sixty (60) days after publication in the Official Gazette.

This Order supersedes Administrative Order No. 20 dated July 17, 1961.

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Secretary