



MINISTRY ORDER)      SUBJECT:    Issuance of Contract  
                             )                     Suspension Orders and  
NO. 81-33 )                     Grant of Time Extensions.

1. No contract suspension order or time extension shall be issued or granted unless the grounds thereof fall within the contemplation of CI8 and CI9 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of P.D. 1594.
2. No contract suspension order or time extension shall be issued or granted under any of the following conditions:
  - a. Where the grounds therefor are due to the fault of the contractor such as non-availability of equipment or materials to be furnished by him, his internal labor problems, his failure to comply with the provisions of the Contract due to causes attributable to him, and such other causes for which the Government is not directly responsible.
  - b. Where the activities affected do not fall within the critical path of the project schedule network.
  - c. Where there are unfavorable weather conditions which are normally to be expected during the construction period. For example, rains or even typhoons during the rainy season (June to December for most areas) shall not be a ground for suspending work or extending the contract time in the areas where such

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rains or typhoons are predictable based on historical records or experience. The MPW engineers concerned shall be presumed to have taken into account the frequency, duration, and intensity of these rains and typhoons, and, therefore, to have made a reasonable allowance for these natural phenomena in determining the maximum contract time stipulated in the Tender and Contract documents. Exceptionally destructive typhoons, floods, earthquake, epidemic and other calamities, however, may be considered as grounds for issuing contract suspension orders or contract time extension.

3. All contract suspension orders and time extensions issued or granted in violation of or contrary to this Order shall not be authorized and shall be disapproved.

Henceforth, requests for extension of contract time and/or suspension order issued/approved by Regional/District/City Offices shall immediately be reported to the Central Office for confirmation.

Strict compliance herewith is enjoined.

  
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