REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS
OFFICE OF THE MINISTER
MANILA

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MINISTRY ORDER
No. 75
Series of 1982
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SUBJECT: Turn-over of equipment/service vehicles to the Regional/Area Equipment Services for proper documentation and assignment of corresponding MPWH code and number.

To All: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Project Managers and
Project Engineers
Service Chiefs
District & City Engineers
Regional and Area
Equipment Engineers
All Others Concerned

As early as March 9, 1977, Department Order No. 94 of the defunct Ministry of Public Highways was issued directing that construction/maintenance equipment, including service vehicles, purchased out of National Funds by field offices becomes the responsibility of the Regional Director/Regional Equipment Services, as Equipment Custodians of the Ministry, and thus, should be turned-over to these field operating units. Likewise, equipment and service vehicles purchased by Contractors and Consultants of projects shall also be turned-over after the completion of their contracts/projects.

This Order was again reiterated by Memorandum Circular No. 78, dated June 29, 1978. In the transition period brought by the merging of the Ministries of Public Works and Public Highways, a Memorandum dated 12 November 1981 was once again issued covering the same subject. This will therefore include all equipment holdings of the defunct Ministry of Public Works including its field operating units.

Lately, it was observed that the aforementioned order has been taken for granted and grossly violated, thus causing misunderstanding and invites criticism from the public sector. The continued permissive use of these equipment without proper legal documentation in violation thereof, is inimical to the best interest of our government.

It is therefore directed that within six months hereafter, any official or employee of this Ministry found to have in his possession any equipment/service vehicle in violation hereof shall be held liable for administrative action.

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Minister