

**[ DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 18-04, July 14, 2018 ]**

**COMPLIANCE WITH EMISSION STANDARDS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF USED MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS AND COMPONENTS UNDER THE PHILIPPINE CLEAN AIR ACT OF 1999**

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**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 8749, otherwise known as the "Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999", declares that the State shall pursue a policy of balancing development and environmental protection;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 8749, mandates the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), in collaboration with the relevant agencies, to develop an action plan for the control and management of air pollution from motor vehicles consistent with the Integrated Air Quality Framework;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 8749 tasks DENR to review, revise and publish the emission standards for motor vehicles every two (2) years, or as the need arises and shall consider the maximum limits for all major pollutants to ensure substantial improvement in air quality for the health, safety and welfare of the general public;

**WHEREAS**, DENR Administrative Order No. 04, series of 2015, entitled "Implementation of Vehicle Emission Limits for Euro 4/IV, and In-Use Vehicle Emission Standards" issued on 25 March 2015, provides for the specific emission limits/standards for motor vehicles, including used motor vehicles, effective 91 July 2015;

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order 156, series of 2002, entitled "Providing for a Comprehensive Industrial Policy and Directions for the Motor Vehicle Development Program and its Implementing Guidelines" and Executive Order 877-A, series of 2010, entitled "The Comprehensive Motor Vehicle Development Program", prohibited the importation of used motor vehicles into the Philippine territory, except for select types of vehicles provided that they are in compliance with the current emission standards set by the DENR; and

**WHEREAS**, DTI Administrative Order 08, series of 2003, entitled "Guidelines for the Mandatory Accreditation of Rebuilding Centers", assures the public that all rebuilt trucks meet the standards in exhaust emission;

**WHEREAS**, Section 23 of Republic Act No. 8749 provides that any imported secondhand motor vehicle engine shall not be introduced into commerce, sold or used unless it complies with the emission standards set pursuant thereto;