

[LTO MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. ACL-2009-1153, May 18, 2009]

STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE RULES ON INSTALLATION OF EARLY WARNING DEVICE (EWD)

Consistent with the policy of the Office to promote road safety and to mitigate the ruinous impact of road crashes, and pursuant to the pertinent provisions of LOI No. 229, LOI No. 479 and M.C. No. RTL-MC-03434 dated 24 March 2003, the following rules and regulations are hereby reiterated, for the observance of all concerned.

1. Motor vehicle registration applicants shall be required to present at least one (1) pair of standard EWD as permanent accessory of said vehicle during registration. No motor vehicle shall be registered or renewed registration without a pair of EWD having been presented.

The LTO official or employee who effected the registration or renewal registration of a vehicle not equipped with a pair of EWD shall be held liable under these rules.

2. The EWD must be installed at least four (4) meters away to the front and at the rear of the motor vehicle which is stalled, disabled or parked as in the following instances:

A. The vehicle is stalled, disabled or parked for thirty (30) minutes or more on any street or highway, including expressways or limited access roads, where the yellow EWD must be placed in front and the red, at the rear of the vehicle.

B. The motor vehicle is stationary, for any reason, or it is compelled to stop at an area where standing or parking is prohibited, EWD's shall be installed.

3. Should the charge sheet of the apprehended driver include non-carrying of EWD, aside from payment of fine, the license of said driver shall remain confiscated until a pair of EWD is presented during adjudication.

If a vehicle is impounded and "failure to carry a pair of EWD" is among the violations cited, the vehicle shall remain impounded until a pair of EWD is presented.

4. Failure to carry a pair of EWD carries a fine of P150.00.

Failure to install EWD 4 meters from the front and rear of the motor vehicle carries a fine of P500.00 to be imposed on the owner/operator.

5. All previous memoranda, circulars and orders in conflict herewith are deemed superseded.

6. These rules and regulations shall take effect immediately.