

[LTO MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. RTL-MC-02412, March 22, 2002]

INSTALLATION OF EARLY WARNING DEVICES ON MOTOR VEHICLES

It has come to the attention of the undersigned that the various issuances on the installation and use of the Early Warning Device (EWD) are not strictly being enforced. In order to prevent hazards on the road, obstruction to traffic and accidents caused by non-installation of EWD or use of inappropriate EWD to signal approaching motorist of their presence, the use of appropriate EWD should be strictly enforced.

Pursuant to the Letter of Instruction No. 229, Directing the Installation of Early Warning Devices on Motor Vehicles and AO No. 1 of December 10, 1976 on the Rules and Regulations Implementing LOI 229, as amended requiring motor vehicles to be equipped with EWD, MC 92-146, MC 92-153, MC 95-219, Memorandum dated 15 August 1995 on EWD specifications, Memorandum dated 16 October 1995 on EWD and other related issuances, memoranda and circulars are hereby reiterated or amended as follows:

**I
USE OF EWD**

1. All owners, users or drivers of motor vehicles shall have at all times in their motor vehicles at least one (1) pair of EWD, one red and yellow.
2. Whenever any motor vehicle is stalled or disabled or is parked for 30 minutes or more on any street or highway, including expressways or limited access roads, the owner, user or driver thereof shall cause the EWD to be installed at least four (4) meters away from the front and rear of the motor vehicle stalled disabled or parked.

**II
SPECIFICATIONS OF EWD**

1. The EWD should be triangular, collapsible reflectorized plates in red and yellow color. The sides of which are at least 40 cms long and 5 cms wide. The reflectorized panel should be backed by metal sheets and the stand should be metal.
2. The triangle must be visible even under adverse weather conditions at a distance of at least 400 meters at high beam and it must lean slightly backwards from five to ten degrees perpendicular to the roadway in order to provide maximum visibility from its reflectorized sides.
3. The lower edge of the reflectorized triangle shall be at least 7 cms. above the surface of the road.