

[LTO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. AHS-2008-015, May 15, 2008]

**RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE USE AND OPERATION OF
MOTORCYCLES ON HIGHWAYS**

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 292, otherwise known as the Administrative Code of 1987 and the United Nations Vienna Convention for Road Traffic of 1968 to which the Philippines is a signatory, and in accordance with Department Order No. 93-693, series of 1992 the following rules and regulations shall govern the use and operation of motorcycles on roads and highways.

SECTION I. Definition of Terms. As used in these Rules:

- a. "Driver" shall mean every and any licensed operator or rider of a motorcycle or scooter.
- b. "Electrical accessories" shall mean the horn, brake, headlight and turn signals of a motorcycle or scooter.
- c. "Highways" shall mean every public thoroughfare, public boulevard, driveway, avenue park, alley, callejon, but shall not include roadway upon grounds owned by private persons, colleges, universities, or other similar institutions.
- d. "Lane splitting" shall mean using or sharing a lane already occupied by one vehicle by another vehicle such as motorcycle or scooter in a road or highway.
- e. "Motorcycle" shall mean two-wheeled motor vehicle having one or two riding saddles.
- f. "Passenger" shall mean the back rider of a motorcycle or scooter.
- g. "Protective devices" shall include helmet, goggles, leather boots and protective clothing such as heavy pants, heavy jackets, leather gloves and rain suit.
- h. "Standard helmet" shall mean the protective helmet approved by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) with PNS-UNECE 22 marking.
- i. "School for motorcycle riders" shall mean any and all motorcycle riding schools accredited by the Land Transportation Office.
- j. "Saddle bag" shall mean the Department of Trade and Industry approved built-in carrier of luggage in a motorcycle.
- k. "Temporary Operator's Permit" shall mean the citation ticket issued by LTO deputized agents to those who violates these Rules and Regulations.

SECTION II. Compulsory Registration of Motorcycles and Scooters. All motorcycles and scooters used or operated on any highway of the Philippines must be registered with the Land Transportation Office for the current year, in accordance with R.A. No. 4136, as amended.

SECTION III. Use of Number Plates. Every motorcycle or scooter shall, at all times display in conspicuous places, the reflective number plates issued by the Land Transportation Office (LTO).

The number plates shall be kept clean and shall be firmly affixed to the motor vehicle in such a manner as will make it entirely visible and legible.

SECTION IV. Duty of Driver/Rider to Have License. Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate any motor vehicle without a valid license to drive a motor vehicle.

The license with Restriction Code No. 1 shall be carried by the driver/rider at all times when operating a motorcycle or scooter, and shall be shown and/or surrendered for cause and upon demand by any person authorized under R.A. No. 4136, as confiscated the same.

SECTION V. Speed Limit. The uniform speed limit for nationwide application as provided under Sec. 35, Article I, Chapter (V) of R.A. No. 4136 is hereby incorporated as these Rules as follows:

"Section 35. Restriction as to speed. - (a) Any person driving a motor vehicle on a highway shall drive the same at a careful and prudent speed, not greater nor less than is reasonable and proper, having due regard for the traffic, the width of the highway, and of any other condition then and there existing; and no person shall drive any motor vehicle upon a highway at such a speed as to endanger the life, limb and property of any person, nor at a speed greater than will permit him to bring the vehicle to a stop within the assured clear distance ahead.

(b) Subject to the provisions of the preceding paragraph, the rate of speed of any motor vehicle shall not exceed the following:

MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE SPEEDS

	Passenger Cars and Motorcycles	Motortrucks and buses
1. On open country roads, with no "blind concerns" not closely bordered by habitations.	80 kms. per hour	50 kms. per hour
2. On "through streets" or boulevards, clear of traffic, with no "blind concerns," when so designated,"	40 kms. per hour	30 kms. per hour
3. On city and municipal streets, with light traffic, when not designated "through streets."	30 kms. per hour	30 kms. per hour
4. Through crowded streets, approaching intersections at "blind corners," passing school zones, passing other vehicles which are stationary, or for similar	20 kms. per hour	20 kms. per hour