

**[DOTC DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 2004-52,
October 06, 2004]**

**INCLUDING ASIAN UTILITY VEHICLE (AUV)/VAN EXPRESS
SERVICE AS ADDITIONAL TYPE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE
FURTHER AMENDING DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 97-1097**

It has been observed that a new type of service has recently evolved utilizing Asian Utility Vehicles (AUV/Van that are either franchised as megataxi, shuttle service, vehicle for hire, garage service, trucks for hire, taxi and school services or are operating without valid franchises. The operation of the latter is detrimental to the commuting public as they are not afforded ample protection in case of vehicular crashes. It also breeds unfair competition against the authorized operators as well as a considerable loss in fees and revenues in favor of the government.

Department Order No. 97-1097 "Providing Standard Classification for All Public Transport Conveyances" as amended by Department Order Nos. 98-1127; 2002-39 and 2002-75 is further amended to include a new service category to be known as AUV Express Service.

Applications for AUV/Van Express Service shall strictly conform with the following operation specification:

Type of Service	:	AUV/Van Express Service
Seating Capacity	:	Nine (9) including driver including (2 in front, 3 in the middle and 4 at the back) per AUVs. Eleven (11) including driver (3 in front, 2 at the back of the driver, 2 in the middle and 4 at the back) for Vans. Jumpseats are not allowed to seat passengers, therefore, should be removed.
Body Make	:	Asian Utility Vehicles such as Toyota FX/Revo, Mitsubishi Adventure, Isuzu Crosswind and similar body types and Vans such as Toyota L-300 (non-FB type), KIA Besta/ Pregio, Nissan Urvan and other similar body types
Route	:	Fixed route, subject to approval of the Board
	:	Shall not directly compete with MRT/LRT, PUB and PUJ routes. Maximum 25% direct co-routing with PUB and PUJ routes may be allowed.