

**[LTFRB MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 97-007,
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SPECIAL PERMITS FOR OUT-OF-LINE OPERATIONS AND SPECIAL HOLIDAYS

By their essential nature, Special Permits for out-of line operations and special holidays are supposed to meet an extraordinary increase in passenger volume owing to traditional holidays such as All Saints Day, Holy Week, Christmas season and other special holidays such as national elections, including emergencies like transport strikes.

Thus, Special Permits which are allowed to be issued under the Public Service Act without notice to affected parties and without public hearing as in the grant of regular certificates of public convenience are limited in duration, lasting only during the existence of the extraordinary increase in passenger volume. They are not, by any means, intended to be substitutes for regular certificates of public convenience.

To curb the propensity on the part of applicants/petitioners for Special Permits to abuse the process of securing Special Permits for out-of-line operations and for Special Holidays, henceforth the issuance by the Board of said permits shall be subject to the following guidelines:

1. Applications/petitions for Special Permits which must be verified shall indicate the total number of authorized and registered units of the applicants/petitioners;
2. The line/s the applicants/petitioners propose to serve shall be indicated, with the units proposed for operation indicated by their chassis and motor numbers including the cases numbers they are presently authorized for operation;
3. The ground/s and special reasons for the issuance of the Special Permit including the duration of the permit which must not last longer than the duration of the holiday and/or emergency intended to be addressed, in the case of All Saints Day from October 30 to November 3, Holy Week from Palm Sunday to the following day after Easter Sunday, Christmas season from December 20, to January 3, national elections from two days prior to Election Day to two days after, and for transport strikes during the duration of the strikes and for such other reasons as the Board may find necessary.
4. Celebrations such as local religious and civic festivities and town fiestas, except those where there is traditionally a heavy passenger volume to the site of the festivities during a fixed period such as the Bicol Peñafrancia festivities, are not acceptable grounds for the issuance of Special Permits unless it is demonstrated by the applicants/petitioners that there are actual special reasons necessitating the grant of special permits subject to verification by the Board through its regional