

**[ LTO MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 95-219, July 12, 1995 ]**

**GUIDELINES ON THE RE-IMPOSITION OF EARLY WARNING DEVICE (EWD) AS PERMANENT ACCESSORY OF ALL MOTOR VEHICLES AND AS MANDATORY REQUIREMENT FOR THE REGISTRATION THEREOF**

The Philippines being a signatory to the United Nations Conference on Road Traffic, Road Signs and Signals held in Vienna, Austria from October 7 to November 8, 1968, ratified the international agreement through Presidential Decree No. 207 dated June 6, 1973 and directed for implementation under LOI 229 issued on December 2, 1974. In compliance thereto, the then Land Transportation Commission (LTC) with the approval of the Secretary of Public Works, Transportation and Communications issued Administrative Order No. 1 dated December 10, 1976 prescribing the rules and regulations requiring motor vehicles to be equipped with Early Warning Device (EWD).

In July 1992, the Honorable Secretary of DOTC suspended the imposition of EWD. Subsequently a Memorandum dated April 14, 1994 was issued to the LTO directing the "Re-Imposition of Early Warning Device as mandatory Requirement For All Vehicles Submitted For Registration" with the proviso that the following are to be implemented.

1. Effect public information dissemination with regard to the reimposition of the requirement for EWD in vehicle registration process.
2. Public issuance on the authorized specifications of EWDs.
3. No accreditation of any supplier and/or brand shall be enforced. Home made EWD shall also be honored provided the specifications are properly adhered to.
4. Every owner, user or driver of a motor vehicle except motorcycle, shall have at all times in his/her motor vehicle a pair of early warning device (EWD), one red and one yellow as hereinafter described.
5. The weight, shape and linear measurements of the early warning devices are as follows:
  - a. Reflective portion Equilateral triangle and collapsible reflectorized plates, each side shall be at least 40 cms. long, and 5 cms. wide;
  - b. Visibility - the triangle must be visible even under adverse weather condition at a distance of at least 400 meters at high beam and it must lean slightly backwards from 5 to 10 degrees perpendicular to the roadway in order to provide maximum visibility from its reflectorized sides.