



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING & REGULATORY BOARD
East Avenue, Quezon City

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-01

RESOLUTION MANDATING THE STRICT OBSERVANCE NATIONWIDE OF THE 15-YEAR AGE LIMIT OF BUSES AND MINI-BUSES EVEN ON UNITS WITH ROAD WORTHINESS AND MVIS CERTIFICATES;

Whereas, Department Order No. 2002-30 modifying Department Order No. 96-963 provides the following:

“No unit shall be the subject of a new application for franchise, for extension of validity of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC), for substitution of unit, and for increase of number of unit(s), if said unit is more than the minimum age requirement as specified below by the time of expiration of the covering CPC:

“For Buses and Mini-Buses, e.g. PUB and Shuttle Bus

“The unit should not be more than fifteen years old reckoned from the date of manufacture of subject vehicle.”

Whereas, Memorandum Circular No. 2006-018 issued by the Board cited Orders dated January 13 and 20, 2006 issued by the Department of Transportation and Communications enjoining the Board from implementing Department Order No. 2002-030, to wit:

“In order to properly implement the Order dated January 13 and 20, 2006 issued by the Department of Transportation and Communications, enjoining the Board from implementing Department Order 2002-030 and Memorandum Circular 2005-056 dated December 20, 2005, and for the benefit of the riding public, this Board is hereby directing all holders of Certificate of Public Convenience to Operate Public Utility Buses (PUB) with unit/s 15 years of age and above, to submit a Certificate of Roadworthiness to be issued by the Land Transportation Office, subject to the Motor Vehicle Inspection System (MVIS).”

Whereas, in view of the need to further promote safety and convenience among commuters and the general public, and given the pre-eminence of Department Orders over other issuances of the Department and its attached agencies, the Board has decided to clarify that it will strictly observe the 15-year age limit for buses and mini-buses nationwide;

NOW, THEREFORE, on joint and collective motion:

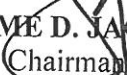
BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to strictly observe the 15-year age limit of buses and mini-buses even on units with road worthiness and MVIS certificates;

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, that to ensure consistency in policy, all regional franchising boards are herein directed to likewise strictly observe the 15-year age limit rule for all public utility buses and mini-buses and set aside the practice of allowing older units to operate. That is, certificates of road worthiness or MVIS certificates can no longer be used as basis for confirming or allowing buses to operate if over 15-years old.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that case folders for public utility buses and mini-buses forwarded by Regional Offices to the Central Office for Board action must be consistent with this policy effective immediately.

LET COPIES of this Resolution be furnished the Secretary, Department of Transportation and Communications, all LTFRB regional directors, the Office of the Executive Director, and all division heads of the Central Office.


Approved: January 11, 2013.


JAIME D. JACOB
Chairman


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Board Member


RONALDO F. CORPUS
Board Member

Attested by:


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