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

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NUMBER 2008 - 016

SUBJECT : AMENDMENT/ CLARIFICATION ON MC 2004-037 REGARDING AVAILABILITY OF TAXICABS

Pursuant to Memorandum Circular 2004-037 (dated November 18, 2004), all taxi units are required to provide "ON CALL" and "OFF DUTY" signs which shall be displayed at the unit's windshield. However, the Board has received several reports regarding the misinterpretation of said signs, resulting in the refusal of drivers to convey passengers. Thus, pursuant to the regulatory powers of the Board, there lies the need to clarify the use of said signs and come up with the following guidelines.

1. The "OFF DUTY" sign shall be replaced with "TO GARAGE" sign.

2. All taxicab units should be provided with "ON CALL" and "TO GARAGE" signs, which shall have 6 x 3 (height and width) inches lettering.

3. The "ON CALL" sign shall be displayed only when a taxicab driver is on his way to pick-up a passenger pursuant to a call made by said passenger at the operator's garage. When the "ON CALL" sign is displayed, the taxicab driver is NOT ALLOWED to pick up passengers along the way.

4. The "TO GARAGE" sign shall be displayed only when a taxicab driver is on his way back to the operator's garage. When the "TO GARAGE" sign is displayed, the taxicab driver is NOT ALLOWED to pick up passengers.

5. Any operator found in violation of this Circular shall be subjected to the following penalties:

   First Offense - One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00)
   Second Offense – Two Thousand Pesos (Php2,000.00)
   Third and Subsequent Offenses – Three Thousand Pesos (Php3,000.00) and/or cancellation of franchise at the sole discretion of the Board

All other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby modified, amended, or superseded accordingly.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect fifteen (15) days immediately following the filing of three (3) copies hereof with the UP Law Center pursuant to Presidential Memorandum Circular No. 11 dated 09 October 1992.

SO ORDERED.

Quezon City, Philippines, AUG 14 2008

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