



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS

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DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 2001-83

Subject : **SUSPENSION OF THE BUS FLEXIBILITY RULE
IN METRO MANILA**

The "Bus Flexibility Rule" was introduced in 1991 to allow bus operators to deploy temporarily buses from one authorized route to another authorized route to respond to unexpected increase in travel demand. This rule, however, has been abused particularly in Metro Manila to the detriment of the interest of the riding public and/or operators regularly serving the affected routes. Moreover, enforcement agencies have taken the position that the rule serves as a stumbling block in the effective enforcement of the franchise terms and conditions, as approved by the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB).

In view of the foregoing and after due deliberation with concerned operators as evidenced by Resolution No. 2001-01 of the TWG on Franchising, the "Bus Flexibility Rule" within Metro Manila is hereby lifted. The rule, however, shall continue to be applicable in provincial operation.

Other rules and regulations that are inconsistent with this Order are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

This Order shall take effect immediately.


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