



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

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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
**NUMBER 2021 - 031**

**SUBJECT : GUIDELINES ON THE MANDATORY ADOPTION OF SAFE, SWIFT AND SMART PASSAGE (S-PASS) FOR PUVs OPERATING ON INTER-REGIONAL AND INTER-PROVINCIAL ROUTES**

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**WHEREAS**, Section 4 of RA No. 11469 states that the President is empowered to regulate and limit the operation of all sectors of transportation through land, sea or air, whether private or public;

**WHEREAS**, on 15 May 2020, the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) issued the Revised Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community in the Philippines and in said guidelines, road transportation is allowed to operate subject to the guidelines set forth by the Department of Transportation (DOTr);

**WHEREAS**, in view of the guidelines for the gradual and calibrated resumption of public land transportation, the Board issued Memorandum Circular No. 2020-051 which allowed the operation of provincial bus entering Metro Manila during the period of GCQ/MGCQ;

**WHEREAS**, on 26 February 2021, the IATF-EID issued Resolution No. 101, series of 2021 that aside from the mandatory use StaySafe.ph System as the primary contact tracing tool, it also required the use of Safe, Swift and Smart Passage (S-PASS) Travel Management System of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) as a one-stop communication platform between travelers and the Local Government Units (LGU);

**WHEREAS**, in the interest of implementing a uniform national policy on inter-regional and inter-provincial travel as requested by the League of Provinces of the Philippines through the IATF, and in order to ensure the health and safety of all passengers travelling between regions and provinces, as well as the residents of every receiving LGUs, and prevent the further spread of Covid-19 virus, the Board deems it necessary to adopt the use of S-PASS system as required under IATF-EID issued Resolution No. 101, series of 2021;

**NOW THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the foregoing, the Board mandates all PUVs operating on Inter-Regional and Inter-Provincial routes to strictly adopt the following guidelines:

1. Disseminate the information and inform their clients to register with the S-PASS system through the website <https://www.s-pass.ph/>, before purchasing of tickets;
2. Require the passenger to show proof of registration with the S-PASS upon purchase of the ticket;
3. Only those passengers who have registered with the S-PASS, upon presentation of proof thereof, including prior communication, travel coordination permit (TCP) and travel pass-through permit (TPP) shall be allowed to onboard the bus, in order to ensure compliance with the travel requirements of their destination LGUs.

Failure to comply with the provisions of this Circular shall be deemed a violation of the IATF Resolution and the existing policies of the Board, which may warrant the imposition of penalties, as may be determined by the Board.

All issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby superseded and amended accordingly.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately following its publication in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation. Let three (3) copies hereof be filed with the UP Law Center- Office of National Administrative Registrar (ONAR).

**SO ORDERED.**


Approved and Adopted through Teleconference by the undersigned Members of the Board, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021 at Quezon City, Philippines.

  
**ATTY. MARTIN B. DELGRA III**  
Chairman



  
**P/Col. JOEL C. PERNITO (Ret.)**  
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**Attested by:**

  
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