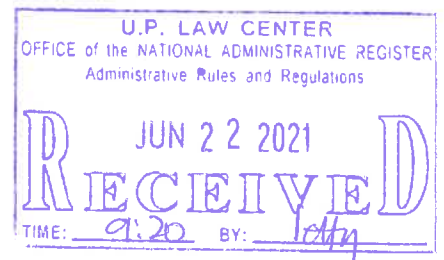




Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Transportation

**LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING & REGULATORY BOARD**  
East Avenue, Quezon City



**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
**NO. 2021 - 041**

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**NOW THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the foregoing, the Board hereby mandates all PUV operators to immediately shift from the previous manual filling-up of contact tracing forms to the use of StaySafe.ph application pursuant to IATF Resolution No. 87, series of 2020. In this regard, the PUV operators shall, within thirty (30) days from effectivity hereof:

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**SO ORDERED.**

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED**  
on June 17, 2021, **Quezon City, Philippines**




  
**ATTY. MARTIN B. DEIGRA III**  
Chairman



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

  
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(By virtue of Special Order No. 20201-051 dated 25 March 2021)

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