



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

**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
**NUMBER 2021- 665**

**SUBJECT : ALLOWING MINORS AND THOSE BELONGING TO THE VULNERABLE POPULATION IN PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLES (PUVs) FOR AREAS UNDER ALERT LEVELS 1 AND 2**

**WHEREAS**, on September 10, 2021, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed Proclamation No. 1218 which further extended until September 12, 2022 the period of the State of Calamity throughout the Philippines due to Corona Virus Disease 2019;

**WHEREAS**, the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases issued IATF Resolution No. 136-A (s.2021) on 03 September 2021 which provided for, among others, the shift in the policy of classifying Provinces, Highly Urbanized Cities (HUCs), and Independent Component Cities (ICCs) for purposes of community quarantine. In the new classification framework, which focuses on the imposition of granular lockdown measures, community quarantine shall be reduced to either Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) or General Community Quarantine (GCQ) with the latter having an alert-level system (Alert Level 1 to 4) with each alert level limiting restrictions only to identified high-risk activities;

**WHEREAS**, the IATF issued the Guidelines on the Pilot Implementation of Alert Levels System for COVID-19 Response in the National Capital Region, being the pilot area, dated 13 September 2021;

**WHEREAS**, the IATF issued Resolution No. 146-A (s.2021) dated 28 October 2021, which approved the recommendation of the sub-Technical Working Group on Data Analytics in expanding the implementation of the Alert Levels System to various provinces, highly urbanized cities (HUCs), and independent component cities (ICCs) beginning 01 November 2021;

**WHEREAS**, the IATF issued Resolution No. 147 (s.2021) dated 04 November 2021, which clarified and amended the Guidelines on the Implementation of Alert Level Systems for COVID-19 Response in Pilot Areas, and which allowed for intrazonal and interzonal movement without regard to age and comorbidities in areas under Alert Level 1, and which allowed for intrazonal and interzonal movement subject to reasonable restrictions which may be imposed by LGUs in areas under Alert Level 2;

**NOW THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the foregoing, the Board hereby **DIRECTS** PUV operators in areas placed under Alert Level 1 and 2 **to ALLOW** the following passengers **ON BOARD** PUVs, beginning **November 15, 2021**:

- (i) Those below eighteen (18) years of age and accompanied by their guardians.

- (ii) Those belonging to the vulnerable population, namely those who are over sixty-five (65) years of age, those with immunodeficiencies, comorbidities, or other health risks, and pregnant women.

Notwithstanding the easing of restrictions, existing health protocols shall remain in full force and effect inside PUVs.

Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this MC shall be considered as a violation of the terms and conditions of their CPC and appropriate penalties shall be imposed against the operator, in accordance with the provisions of Joint Administrative Order No. 2014-01, without prejudice to the filing of appropriate charges as may be determined and filed by other enforcement agencies.

For violations committed by the drivers of PUVs, the Board may recommend to the Land Transportation Office (LTO) for the suspension of their Driver's License, also without prejudice to the filing of appropriate charges against the said driver, as may be determined and filed by other enforcement agencies.

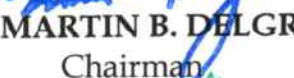
All issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby superseded and amended accordingly.

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**

On NOV 12 2021, Quezon City, Philippines

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



  
**P/Col. JOEL C. PERNITO (Ret.)**  
Board Member

  
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Board Member

**Attested by:**

  
**MARIA KRISTINA E. CASSION**  
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