



MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NUMBER 2003 - 016

Subject : CONVERSION OF FRANCHISED TOURIST BUSES TO REGULAR AIRCON BUSES

To allow operators of regular air-conditioned buses on existing routes to maximize their operations on their franchised routes, they are hereby authorized to convert their tourist buses, which are presently under-utilized due to the low volume of tourist arrivals, to regular air-conditioned buses.

The conversion of tourist buses into regular aircon buses, which has been cleared with the Department of Tourism (DOT), is subject to the following conditions:

1. Only those operators who have CPC's for both regular aircon and tourist buses shall be covered by this MC;
2. The tourist buses proposed for conversion to regular aircon buses must be applied for operation as regular aircon buses in the applicant's authorized routes and must all be registered for the years 2002 and 2003;
3. The total number to be allowed for conversion shall be equivalent to 50% of the Route Measured Capacity (RMC) determined by the DOTC Survey in 1999 on the routes where the tourist buses proposed for conversion shall be operated as regular aircon buses;
4. Only fifty (50%) percentum of the applicant's registered tourist buses under their tourist bus franchises shall be allowed to be converted to regular buses;
5. Upon conversion of the applicant's tourist buses to regular aircon buses, their DOT accreditation will be cancelled and their DOT stickers will be removed.



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In the verified applications that will be filed pursuant to this Memorandum Circular, the applicant should indicate the following:

1. Case Nos. of their tourist bus franchises and the total number of tourist buses authorized thereunder;
2. The number of tourist buses proposed for conversion in relation to applicant's total number of authorized tourist buses;
3. The tourist buses under their franchises have all been registered with the LTO for year 2002 and 2003 attaching photo copies of the LTO registration certificates and official receipts for said tourist buses;
4. The case numbers of the applicant's authorized regular routes where the tourist buses proposed for conversion to regular aircon buses will be operated.

The Board reserves the right to reject applications being filed that do not comply with the foregoing conditions. Proceedings for the conversion of tourist buses to regular aircon buses will be summary in nature considering that the buses proposed for conversion are registered buses and there is public need on the routes they will be operated pursuant to the RMC determined by the DOTC.


This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation or the filing of three (3) copies hereof with the U.P. Law Center pursuant to Presidential Memorandum Circular No. 11, dated 09 October 1992.

EFFECTIVITY DATE - JULY 16, 2003
SO ORDERED.

Quezon City, Philippines. JUN 30 2003


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