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STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF PROCEDURES FOR THE INSPECTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND CONFISCATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE'S (FRONT) LICENSE PLATES UPON A FAILED INSPECTION

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Consistent with the following mandates of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) to ensure that;

1. All motor vehicles operated throughout the country are roadworthy, pursuant to R.A. 4136, Article 3 which states that "The Commissioner, (now, Assistant Secretary) or his deputies may at any time examine and inspect any motor vehicle to determine whether such motor vehicle is registered, improperly marked or equipped, or otherwise unfit to be operated because of possible excessive damage to highways, bridges and/or culverts."; and
2. All motor vehicles are compliant with the allowed emission standards, pursuant to the IRR of R.A. 8794, Rule XXXII, Section 1 which states that "Emission Standards for In-Use Vehicles. - All in-use motor vehicles, and vehicles with updated/enhanced engine whose chassis are pre-registered with DOTC/LTO will only be allowed renewal of registration upon proof of compliance of the emission standard described below. The DOTC/LTO shall conduct the vehicle test utilizing the Motor Vehicle Inspection Station (MVIS) or its duly authorized and accredited inspection centers consistent with the R.A. 7394 otherwise known as the Consumer Act of the Philippines within sixty (60) days prior to date of registration."

It is hereby directed that:

1. All LTO personnel concerned (e.g. Evaluator, Inspector, Approving Officer [District Office/MVIS Chief]) shall strictly follow the mandatory procedures for the inspection of motor vehicles in the evaluation and processing of the application for renewal of registration and those falling under "miscellaneous transactions" as laid down in the Office's MANUAL ON MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION SYSTEM, YEAR 2016 under STANDARD AND METHODS OF INSPECTION.
2. A motor vehicle which passed inspection shall be issued a corresponding Certificate of Motor Vehicle Inspection System Compliance (CMVISC) and Motor Vehicle Inspection Report (MVIR).