TO:  All Regional Directors, Assistant Regional Directors  
Chief, District Office, Finance Officers, Accountants,  
All Concerned  
This Office

SUBJECT: Procedures in Implementing the Refund of RFID Fees  

DATE: 18 July 2019

1.0 PURPOSE

This Memorandum Circular is issued to provide the procedures on the refund of the Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) fees collected from the motor vehicle (MV) registrants to comply with the Supreme Court’s Decision in G.R. No. 190431 dated 31 January 2017.

2.0 COVERAGE

These rules shall cover all MV registrants nationwide who paid the RFID fees in compliance with DOTC Circular No. 2009-06, LTO Memorandum Circular Nos. ACL-2009-1199 and ACL-2009-1220. The refund of the RFID fees shall be claimed at the LTO district office where it was collected. For LTO district offices, particularly Region 3-OSS Pampanga and Region 7-Cebu Extension Office, which had been closed already, refund shall be claimed from its corresponding Regional Offices.

3.0 OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

3.1 The DOTr, LTO and Stradcom Corporation shall establish, create, open and maintain a trust and escrow account with Land Bank of the Philippines – Trust Banking Group, for the subject RFID fees collected, including all interest earned (the “RFID Fees Trust and Escrow Account”). All payments for the refund of the RFID fees shall be sourced solely from this RFID Fees Trust and Escrow Account, and all deposits and withdrawals from the RFID Fees
Trust and Escrow Account shall require the two authorized signatures of LTO and Stradcom Corporation.

3.2 The master list of all 85,657 RFID fees payors shall be distributed to the corresponding LTO Regional Offices and District Offices, which shall be posted in a conspicuous place for the reference of the RFID fee claimants.

3.3 The RFID fee refund claimant shall duly accomplish the request refund form (Exhibit A) and attach one (1) valid government issued ID (photocopy), in the case of natural persons, or an original and duly notarized Secretary’s Certificate, in the case of a corporation or juridical person, for identification purposes.

3.4 A lawful claimant of the RFID fee shall be refunded the amount of Php350.00, plus an additional amount ofPhp9.00 as interest earned at the average rate of 0.3262% p.a. reckoned from February 1, 2010, up to June 17, 2019.

3.5 Stradcom Corporation, through its Regional Operations Officers (ROOs) shall advance the cash refund equivalent to 20% of the total RFID fees collected by the concerned LTO District Office. This amount shall be turned over to the Cashier of the LTO District Office for distribution to qualified RFID fee claimants. The amount shall be replenished when it falls to 50% of the fund provided.

3.6 DOTr and/or LTO, in coordination with Stradcom Corporation and Land Bank of the Philippines – Trust Banking Group, shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation, a notice to the public announcing the date when the RFID fees may be claimed at the LTO District Offices.

3.7 A monthly report on the status of the refund shall be provided by Stradcom Corporation and Land Bank of the Philippines – Trust Banking Group to the LTO Central Office.

4.0 EFFECTIVITY

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.