



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS
LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE
East Avenue, Quezon City

MEMORANDUM

TO : **All Regional Directors, Assistant Regional Directors,
District Heads, Other Officials and Employees,
This Office, and All Concerned**

DATE : 06 September 1999

SUBJECT : **Schedule of Implementation of Republic Act No. 8750**

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IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX

TYPE OF MV	ACTIVITY/ (DISPOSITION)	RA 8750	EFFECTIVE DATE
1) All MV Types With SB	Information, Ed, Comm. (Advisory /No Arrest - Apphn)	Sec.4 to 13	01 Sep 99 or upon Receipt of this memo- Thru 30 Apr 2000
2) All MV Types With SB	Information, Ed, Comm. Dissemination of IRR (Advisory /No Arrest - Apphn)	Sec. 12	01 Nov 99 Thru 30 Apr 2000
3) All New/ Imprtd Cars & SUV's; & New/Imported/ Rebuilt UV/ Trucks/ Truckbuses	Enforce wearing/use of *SB and *SB as a requirement for Original registration or Operation of MV (Arrest - Apphn & Fine)	Sec. 4, 5, & 7 to 13	01 May 2000
4) All Types Covered	Enforce wearing/use of *SB and *SB as a requirement for Original/renewal registration or Operation of MV (Arrest - Apphn & Fine)	RA 8750	01 Nov 2000

Transmitted herewith is a copy of RA 8750 otherwise known as the "Seat Belts Use Act of 1999." Laws normally take effect fifteen (15) days after due publication. In the case of R. A. 8750, motor vehicles covered are divided into four (4) different categories, namely:

- (1) Registered / operational/ in-use vehicles with seat belts;
- (2) New / imported / rebuilt vehicles with seat belts;
- (3) New imported/rebuilt vehicles without seat belts; and
- (4) Registered / operational / in-use vehicles without seat belts.

Specific provisions provide for an information, education, communication campaign period of six months for manufacturers, assemblers, importers, dealers and distributors for retrofitting; and for drivers and passengers of motor vehicles already fitted with seat belts to wear same and a leeway of one (1) year for operational / in-use/ motor vehicles previously registered without any seat belts both reckoned from the date of effectivity of the IRR.

*SB - Seat belt

Accordingly, This order shall be implemented in four (4) distinct phases as follows:

Phase I - Commencing 01 September 1999 - 30 April 2000

- (a) Drivers / passengers of motor vehicles which are new/ imported/ rebuilt or operational/ in-use/ previously registered, already fitted with seat belts shall be advised, motivated, and/or encouraged to wear their seatbelts; no arrests or apprehensions/ no fines or penalties shall be imposed;
- (a) Manufacturers/ assemblers/ importers of completely built (CBU's)/ distributors/ dealers/ rebuilders of motor vehicles shall be advised, motivated, and encouraged to install seat belts and seat belt anchorages on their products in accordance with DPNS 1891, 1892 and 1893; no arrests or apprehensions/ no fines or penalties shall be imposed;

The use of special car seats or child restraint systems for infants/ children less than six years of age shall likewise be optional. Pending the adoption of a PNS, child restraint systems shall be in accordance with the U.S. Federal Safety Standard No. 213.

Phase II - Effective 01 November 1999 - 30 April 2000, LTO in cooperation with MMDA, LGU's, NGO's, PIA, the TRIMEDIA and other civic and radio groups, and the PNP shall launch an intensive information, education and communication campaign nationwide on the proper installation and use of seatbelts and seat belt anchorages. Owners, drivers / passengers of motor vehicles without seat belts shall be advised, motivated or encouraged to install same while those already fitted with seat belts to wear same; no arrests or apprehensions/ no fines or penalties shall be imposed;

Phase III - Effective 01 May 2000

(a) Enforcers and agents of the Land Transportation Office, MMDA, and PNP shall apprehend any manufacturer, assembler, importer, dealer, distributor or rebuilder of all types of new/ imported/ rebuilt vehicles (cars, SUV's, UV's, trucks or truck buses) who fails to install seat belts and/ or seat belt anchorages; the corresponding fines and penalties shall be imposed in accordance with this order;

(b) Enforcers and agents of the Land Transportation Office, MMDA, and PNP shall arrest/ apprehend any driver / passenger of new/ imported/ rebuilt vehicles (cars, SUV's, UV's, trucks or truck buses) who fails to wear the required seatbelt;

(c) No new/ imported/ rebuilt vehicles (cars, SUV's, UV's, trucks or truck buses) shall be originally/ initially registered unless equipped with the required seat belts and seat belt anchorages;

(d) Enforcers and agents of the Land Transportation Office, MMDA, and PNP shall arrest/ apprehend any driver or operator of new/ imported/ rebuilt public utility vehicles who fail to post appropriate signages requiring the wearing of seat belts.

Phase IV - Effective 01 November 2000, the seatbelt requirements under the law shall be enforced in its entirety applicable to all types of motor vehicles covered thereby (cars, SUV's, UV's, trucks or truck buses) whether new / imported / in-use/ or operational in its four (4) enforcement aspects, namely:

(a) Enforcers and agents of the Land Transportation Office, MMDA, and PNP shall apprehend any manufacturer, assembler, importer, dealer, distributor, rebuilder, owner or operator of all types of motor vehicle (cars, SUV's, UV's, trucks or truck buses) whether new/ imported/ rebuilt or operational/ in-use/ or previously registered who fails to install the required seat belts and/ or seat belt anchorages; the corresponding fines and penalties shall be imposed in accordance with this order;

(b) Enforcers and agents of the Land Transportation Office, MMDA, and PNP shall arrest/ apprehend any driver / passenger of all types of motor vehicles (cars, SUV's, UV's, trucks or truck buses) whether new/ imported/ rebuilt or operational/ in-use or previously registered who fails to wear the required seatbelt;

(c) No new/ imported/ rebuilt motor vehicles (cars, SUV's, UV's, trucks or truck buses) shall be originally/ initially registered and no operational/ in-use or previously registered motor vehicle shall be renewed unless equipped with the required seat belts and seat belt anchorages;

(d) Enforcers and agents of the Land Transportation Office, MMDA, and PNP shall arrest/ apprehend any driver or owner/ operator of new/ imported/ rebuilt or operational/ in-use/ previously registered public utility vehicles who fail to post appropriate signages requiring the wearing of seat belts.

Please be guided accordingly. Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) to follow.



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