



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 2014-007

For/To : ALL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES
DOTC Central Office
DOTC Project Management Offices
DOTC-MRT 3
DOTC CAR and CARAGA Regional Offices
Sectoral Offices and Attached Agencies and Corporations

Subject : STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF NO-SMOKING POLICY IN
PUBLIC CONVEYANCES AND PUBLIC FACILITIES

Date : 03 June 2014

The Philippines is among 177 State Parties to the World Health Organization's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO-FCTC), the first public health treaty negotiated to curb the global tobacco epidemic. The treaty entered into force in the Philippines in 2005, upon ratification and concurrence of the Senate thereby becoming part of the law of the land. The Department of Health (DOH) organized the Sector Wide Anti-Tobacco (SWAT) Committee/Council composed of representatives coming from various institutions like our organization/agency to develop and implement the no-smoking policy. Article 8 of the WHO-FCTC entitled "Protection from Exposure to Tobacco Smoke" provides that we shall actively promote the adoption and implementation of effective legislative, executive, administrative and/or other measures, providing for protection from exposure to tobacco smoke in indoor workplaces, public transport and, as appropriate, other public places.

In view of our global commitment, you are hereby requested/directed to disseminate and implement the provisions of Section 5 of RA 9211 otherwise known as the Tobacco Regulation Act of 2003 and Rule 1 of its IRR (copies attached) in your respective offices/units which absolutely prohibits smoking in public conveyances and public facilities including airports, ship terminals, trains (PNR/LRT/MRT) and bus/jEEPney/shuttle service stations/terminals. The absolute ban on smoking in public conveyances does not apply to inter-island vessels, airports and other transport facilities where proper smoking areas have been designated. You are also hereby directed to impose corresponding fines and penalties on violators of the above-mentioned policy.

Your utmost cooperation on this matter is enjoined.


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Secretary



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