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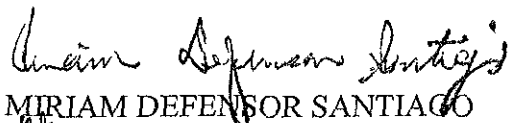

EXPLANATORY NOTE

On 9 July 2007, the Philippine Daily Inquirer reported that Metro mayors discussed the need for a uniform truck ban following a comment by Trade and Industry Secretary Peter Favila that the movement of export cargo was slowed down by the current truck ban hours, which vary from area to area in the metropolis.

In a memorandum, Favila said the varying truck ban hours being enforced by local government units was causing delays that translated to high logistics costs, particularly among local exporters. He said key points along the alternate truck routes were disrupted for six hours a day on average.

In addition, traffic congestion still exists during Saturdays inspite of the United Vehicular Reduction Program Under MMDA Regulation No. 96-005.


Because of these, there is a need to synchronize the hours of their separate travel bans on trucks to ease cargo transport, according to the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA).

  
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AN ACT  
TO BAN CERTAIN TRUCKS IN PARTICULAR HOURS OF THE DAY

3 *Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in*  
4 *Congress assembled:*

5 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Truck Ban Act of 2007.”

6 SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to  
7 ensure the smooth flow of traffic to facilitate the transport of passengers and cargo to their  
8 respective destinations.

9 SECTION 3. *Definition of Terms.*

10 (A) "Cargo Trucks" shall be understood to mean motor vehicles principally intended for  
11 carrying cargo and having license plates of the following classifications: "S", "T", "TC", "TH",  
12 "TRLB", "HHB", and "TRJ", to include other vehicles such as lorries, vans, tankers, or other  
13 delivery vehicles, whether loaded or empty, having a gross capacity weight of more than 4,500  
14 kilograms.

15 SECTION 4. *Truck Ban. Coverage.* – No cargo truck shall be allowed to travel or pass  
16 along the roads, streets or thoroughfares enumerated herein from Monday to Saturday, 6 a.m. to  
17 9 a.m. and from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. daily except Sundays and Holidays.

18 (A) *España Street through Quezon Avenue; from Echague Street to the intersection of*  
19 *West and South Avenues;*

20 (B) *Claro M. Recto Avenue from Legarda Street to del Pan Street;*

21 (C) *President Quirino Avenue from south Superhighway to Roxas Boulevard;*

1 (D) P. Burgos Street through Ayala Boulevard, Legarda Street, Magsaysay Boulevard  
2 and Aurora Boulevard, from Roxas Boulevard to Boston Street;

3 (E) E. Rodriguez Avenue through Bonifacio Avenue from Welcome Rotonda to Shoe  
4 Avenue;

5 (F) South Superhighway through Nagtahan Bridge and Alfonso Mendoza Street from  
6 Epifanio delos Santos Avenue to Dimasalang Street;

7 (G) Taft Avenue through Quirino Avenue from Redemptorist Street to Plaza Lawton, to  
8 include McArthur, Quezon and Jones Bridges;

9 (H) Bonifacio Drive through Roxas Boulevard and NAIA Road from Aduana Street to  
10 the Ninoy Aquino International Airport;

11 (I) Rizal Avenue through Rizal Avenue Extension from Carriedo Street to the Bonifacio  
12 Monument; and

13 (J) Reina Regente Street through Abad Santos Street from Reina Regente Bridge to Rizal  
14 Avenue Extension.

15 Provided that the following alternate routes leading to and from Port Area shall not be  
16 included in the ban, to wit:

17 A. SOUTHERN TRUCK ROUTE

18 1. From Port Area to South Superhighway  
19 Bonifacio Drive, left P. Burgos, Finance Road, Ayala Boulevard, right San Marcelino,  
20 left Pres. Quirino, right South Superhighway.

21 2. From South Superhighway to Port Area  
22 South Superhighway, right Pres. Quirino, left United Nations Avenue, right Romualdez  
23 Street, left Ayala, P. Burgos, right Bonifacio Drive, to Port Area.

24 B. NORTHERN TRUCK ROUTE

25 1. From Port Area to North Diversion Road  
26 From Pier Zone, travelling northward along R-10, right Capulong towards Tayuman,  
27 straight ahead towards Gov. Forbes, left Maria Clara, left Dimasalang, right Blumentritt, left A.  
28 Bonifacio and find their way to the north.

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1           2. From North Diversion Road to Port Area  
2           From the north and travelling southward along A. Bonifacio Aveue, right Blumentritt,  
3 left Aurora Boulevard, right Dimasalang, right Aragon Street, right Gov. Forbes towards  
4 Tayuman and Capulong, left R-10 to the Pier Zone.

5           C. EASTERN TRUCK ROUTE

6           1. From Port Area to Marcos Highway

7           From Pier zone, travelling northward aong R-10, right Capulong towards Tayuman,  
8 straight ahead towards Gov. Forbes, left Maria Clara, cross Dimasalang, straight ahead towards  
9 Constancia, right at Constancia, left Laonglaan, straight towards D. Tuazon Avenue, right at D.  
10 Tuazon Avenue, left Quezon Boulevard Extension, straight towards Elliptical Road, take Don  
11 Mariano Marcos Avenue, left Aurora Boulevard, straight towards Marcos Highway.

12          2. From Marcos Highway to Port Area

13          Marcos Highway straight towards Aurora Boulevard, right at Katipunan, straight towards  
14 Tandang Sora, left Don Mariano Marcos Avenue, straight towards Elliptical Road, take Quezon  
15 Boulevard Extension, straight towards West Avenue, right West Aveneue, left Del Monte  
16 Avenue, straight towards A. Bonifacio, left A. Bonifacio Drive, right Blumentritt, left Aurora  
17 Boulevard, right Dimasalang, right Aragon Street, right Gov. Forbes towards Tayuman and  
18 Capulong, left R-10 to the Pier Zone.

19          Provided, further, that there shall be a total truck ban along Epifanio delos Santos Avenue  
20 (EDSA), between Pasong Tamo in Makati and Balintawak in Quezon City/Kalookan City  
21 everyday from 6:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. except Sundays and Holidays.

22          SECTION 5. *Violation and Penalties.* Any person who violates the provisions of this Act  
23 shall be punished by a fine of not less than One Thousand (P1,000.00) Pesos but not more than  
24 Five Thousand (P5,000.00) Pesos or by imprisonment of not less than seven (7) days nor more  
25 than thirty (30) days, or both, at the discretion of the court.

1           SECTION 7. *Exemptions and Conduct Passes.* The following shall be exempted on a  
2 limited basis from the truck ban, provided conduct passes are secured from the Metro Manila  
3 Development Authority to warrant exemption:

- 4           A) Heavy vehicles delivering petroleum products.
- 5           B) Heavy vehicles undertaking international messengerial services.
- 6           C) Heavy vehicles utilized as garbage trucks.
- 7           D) Emergency heavy vehicles of power and water companies.
- 8           E) Heavy vehicles utilized by the government in the construction of flagship projects as  
9 identified by MMDA and subject to the issuance of a valid certification and a valid trip pass by  
10 the government authority concerned (DPWH, DOTC, LGUs, PEA, etc. as the case may be).
- 11          F) Heavy vehicles carrying/delivering perishable goods in commercial quantity, such as:
  - 12           1. fresh vegetables, fresh fruits and fresh flowers;
  - 13           2. raw meat, fresh seafoods;
  - 14           3. ice products (ice cream and similar products);
  - 15           4. baked products with shelf life of 24 hours;
  - 16           5. medicine/vaccine expiring within 24 hours;
  - 17           6. cooked food (catering).

18           The MMDA shall issue exemption certificates and conduct passes in a prescribed original  
19 form duly signed by the MMDA Chairman who is vested the sole authority to grant exemptions  
20 under Sec. 3 of MMDA Regulation 96-005, unless otherwise stated herein. Based on the  
21 TRAFIMM guidelines, the Chairman, MMDA may issue additional UVVRP exemptions based  
22 on highly exceptional circumstances.

23           SECTION 8. *Implementing Agencies.* The Metro Manila Development Authority  
24 (MMDA) and the local government units concerned shall implement the provisions of this Act.

25           SECTION 9. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part thereof, is held invalid or  
26 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain  
27 valid and subsisting.

1           SECTION 10. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive  
2 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to, or inconsistent  
3 with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

4           SECTION 11. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
5 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

6           Approved,