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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 in spite 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).¹

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

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

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

5 SECTION 3. *Definition.* – “Cargo Trucks” shall be understood to mean motor
6 vehicles principally intended for carrying cargo and having license plates of the following
7 classifications: “S”, “T”, “TC”, “TH”, “TRLB”, “HHB”, and “TRJ”, to include other
8 vehicles such as lorries, vans, tankers, or other delivery vehicles, whether loaded or
9 empty, having a gross capacity weight of more than 4,500 kilograms.

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

13 (A) España Street through Quezon Avenue; from Echague Street to the
14 intersection of West and South Avenues;

15 (B) Claro M. Recto Avenue from Legarda Street to Del Pan Street;

16 (C) President Quirino Avenue from South Superhighway to Roxas Boulevard;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 **A. SOUTHERN TRUCK ROUTE**

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

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

24 **B. NORTHERN TRUCK ROUTE**

25 1. From Port Area to North Diversion Road – From Pier Zone, travelling
26 northward along R-10, right Capulong towards Tayuman, straight ahead towards Gov.

1 Forbes, left Maria Clara, left Dimasalang, right Blumentritt, left A. Bonifacio and find
2 their way to the north.

3 **C. EASTERN TRUCK ROUTE**

4 1. From Port Area to Marcos Highway – From Pier zone, travelling northward
5 along R-10, right Capulong towards Tayuman, straight ahead towards Gov. Forbes, left
6 Maria Clara, cross Dimasalang, straight ahead towards Constancia, right at Constancia,
7 left Laonglaan, straight towards D. Tuazon Avenue, right at D. Tuazon Avenue, left
8 Quezon Boulevard Extension, straight towards Elliptical Road, take Don Mariano Marcos
9 Avenue, left Aurora Boulevard, straight towards Marcos Highway.

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

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

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

1 **SECTION 6. Exemptions and Conduct Passes.** – The following shall be exempted
2 on a limited basis from the truck ban, provided conduct passes are secured from the
3 Metro Manila 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**
9 **projects as identified by MMDA and subject to the issuance of a valid certification and a**
10 **valid trip pass by the government authority concerned (DPWH, DOTC, LGUs, PEA, etc.**
11 **as the case may be);**

12 **(F) Heavy vehicles carrying/delivering perishable goods in commercial quantity,**
13 **such as:**

- 14 **1. fresh vegetables, fresh fruits and fresh flowers;**
- 15 **2. raw meat, fresh seafoods;**
- 16 **3. ice products (ice cream and similar products);**
- 17 **4. baked products with shelf life of 24 hours;**
- 18 **5. medicine/vaccine expiring within 24 hours;**
- 19 **6. cooked food (catering).**

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

1 SECTION 7. *Implementing Agencies.* – The Metro Manila Development Authority
2 (MMDA) and the local government units concerned shall implement the provisions of
3 this Act.

4 SECTION 8. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or
5 unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other
6 provisions hereof.

7 SECTION 9. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances, or
8 portions thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby
9 repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

10 SECTION 10. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
11 after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general
12 circulation.

Approved,

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