Memorandum Circular No. 005
Series of 2018

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES FOR THE CONDUCT OF AN ACTUAL INSPECTION OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES IN RELATION TO THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMITY (COC)

Section 1. Legal Basis

Pursuant to Section 12, Rule XX of Department Order No. 2000-81, all applicants applying for a Certificate of Conformity (COC) shall consent to all inspections that will be conducted by the Bureau, of its engine, emission control system, etc.

Section 2. Objectives

To ensure that New Motor Vehicles manufactured, assembled, or imported conform in all material respects to the design specifications described in the COC application.

Section 3. Scope and Coverage

This circular shall cover all manufacturers, assemblers, importers, or their duly authorized representatives applying for a COC.

Section 4. Conduct of Inspection

Within a reasonable time from the approval of the COC, the Bureau shall notify the concerned manufacturer, assembler, importer, or their duly authorized representatives on the schedule of their inspection, in which case they shall be required to bring the motor vehicle, that was issued a COC, to the Bureau for inspection. In this regard, the Bureau shall designate an inspector to conduct the inspection of the motor vehicles.

The inspector shall verify whether the emission control devices declared on the application detail is installed on the actual motor vehicle, which shall be written in the inspection report.

Provided, that the Bureau may on its discretion conduct an inspection simultaneous with the COC application if it has a well-founded belief that there are material discrepancies in the application details submitted.
Section 5. Inspection Report

The Inspection Report shall indicate the presence of the following components in the motor vehicles,

For Diesel-Fed Motor Vehicles (Passenger/Light Duty):
   a) Catalytic converter (oxidation)
   b) Oxygen sensor
   c) Exhaust Gas Recirculation (EGR) System
   d) Positive Crankcase Ventilation (closed-loop type)

For Gasoline-Fed Motor Vehicles (Passenger/Light Duty):
   a) Catalytic converter (oxidation)
   b) Oxygen sensor
   c) Exhaust Gas Recirculation (EGR) System
   d) Positive Crankcase Ventilation (closed-loop type)
   e) Evaporative emissions control system

For Diesel-Fed Motor Vehicles (Heavy Duty):
   a) EGR & DOC + POC

For Gasoline-Fed Motor Vehicles (Heavy Duty):
   a) N/A

For Diesel-Fed Motor Vehicles (Motorcycle):
   a) N/A

For Diesel-Fed Motor Vehicles (Motorcycle):
   a) Catalytic converter

Upon conduct of inspection, the Bureau shall furnish the concerned manufacturer, assembler, importer, or their duly authorized representative a copy of the inspection report.

Section 6. Misdelegation

In accordance with Section 13, Rule XXXI of DAO No. 2000-81, any misdelegation or material omission in the COC application after the conduct of the inspection by the Bureau would warrant a revocation or suspension of the Certificate.

Provided, that in cases where the inspection was conducted simultaneous with the application for a COC, and the concerned manufacturer, assembler, importer, or their duly authorized representatives failed to justify the reason for such misdelegation or material omission, its application shall be rejected outright.

Section 7. Separability Clause.

If any provision of this Circular is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions hereof.

Section 8. Effectivity.

This circular shall take effect immediately.

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