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TO : ALL HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, COMMISSIONS, STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES, GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND/OR -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : AMENDING BUDGET CIRCULAR (BC) NO. 2016-05 ENTITLED, "REVISED GUIDELINES ON THE ACQUISITION AND USE OF GOVERNMENT MOTOR VEHICLES" DATED AUGUST 22, 2016

- 1.0 This Circular is being issued to provide the following:
 - 1.1 Revised and updated definition/description, classification and specifications of certain motor vehicles that are being allowed for acquisition and use by government agencies under BC No. 2016-5; and
 - 1.2 Allowable vehicles that could be used by agencies concerned for immediate disaster response and rescue/relief operations during calamities.
- 2.0 In this regard, attached, as Annexes A and B, are the updated *Typology of Government Motor Vehicles* and *Motor Vehicle Classification and Specifications Guide*, respectively.
- 3.0 The provisions of Budget Circular No. 2010-02 s. 2010, as amended by Budget Circular No. 2016-05 s. 2016, and National Budget Circular No. 446 s. 1995, as amended by National Budget Circular No. 446-A s. 1998, and all other Circulars and issuances that are inconsistent with this Circular are hereby rescinded or superseded accordingly.
- 4.0 This Circular shall take effect immediately.


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TYPOLOGY OF GOVERNMENT MOTOR VEHICLES

A. Motor Vehicle Classification by Body Type

1. **Car (Sedan or Hatchback)** - a four-wheel enclosed automobile having four (4) side doors. It can accommodate four (4) to five (5) passengers, including the driver, on two (2) rows of seats. A common configuration includes a split front seat and a rear bench seat. The passenger cabin is separate from the limited luggage compartment or trunk located at the rear.
2. **Asian Utility Vehicle (AUV) or Crossover Utility Vehicle (CUV)** - a four-wheel enclosed vehicle having dual side doors and a fifth rear door or lift-up tailgate. It has a maximum seating capacity of 10 passengers, including the driver, with its two (2) rows of front seats and foldable rear seats.

The CUV has the cargo and passenger carrying space of an AUV, the aerodynamics and sleekness of a car, and the rugged looks and feel of a sports utility vehicle.

3. **Multi-Purpose Vehicle** - a fully or partially enclosed four-wheel general purpose utility vehicle with two (2) compartments: (i) the front cabin/cab with two (2) side doors seating three (3) passengers, including the driver, on a full width seat, and (ii) the rear deck accommodating eight (8) to 16 passengers with facing collapsible bench seats accessible through rear door(s).
4. **Sports Utility Vehicle** - a type of passenger vehicle which combines the load-hauling and passenger-carrying capacity of a CUV or mini-van with features designed for off-road driving. It is a high-performance two-wheel/four-wheel drive car built on a truck chassis and a suspension designed for giving ground clearance for off-road driving. Its seating capacity varies from five (5) to 10 passengers.
5. **Passenger Van** - a large four-wheel enclosed vehicle intended for conveying passengers and/or hauling cargo, traditionally having four (4) doors (two side doors for the driver and front passengers, a passenger side sliding door, and a tailgate). The seating capacity ranges from eight (8) to 15 passengers, including the driver. It has several rows of folding or removable seats behind the front passenger seat. It has no luggage compartment but an expandable area at the rear which can be used for luggage, cargoes, etc. This type varies from full size to mini-van models.
6. **Bus/Mini-bus** - a four- or six-wheel heavy and long bodied motor vehicle with locally assembled or fully imported chassis and body. It is primarily designed to carry a comparatively large number of passengers.

A bus for government use varies from full size bus with a seating capacity of 45 to 66 passengers, including the driver, to a mini-bus with a seating capacity of 26 to 34 passengers.



7. **Assembled Owner- or Passenger-Type Jeep/Jitney/Jeepney** - a fully or partially enclosed four-wheel assembled general-purpose utility vehicle with locally assembled chassis and body, and fitted with a reconditioned engine.

An owner-type jeep can accommodate five (5) to seven (7) passengers on the split type or full width front seat and the two (2) to three (3) folding or removable rear bench seats.

Passenger type jeepney/jitney has two (2) compartments: (i) the front cab seating two (2) to three (3) passengers, including the driver, on a full width seat or split front seat, and (ii) the rear deck accommodating 12-18 passengers with facing rear bench seats. Side and rear doors are optional.

8. **Pick-up** - a four-wheel compact truck with a low-sided open cargo hauler, and a passenger cab (regular/single or extended/crew cab type) accommodating two (2) to six (6) passengers on split and/or bench seats with two (2) or four (4) side doors. A pick-up truck is designed to carry both passengers and cargoes.

9. **Heavy Equipment** - a large and heavy-fabricated automotive vehicle used in the construction, improvement, rehabilitation and maintenance of roads and bridges and other infrastructure, waste management and environmental sanitation, and related activities.

Heavy equipment may be sub-classified as: (i) earth moving equipment for moving soil or other analogous materials from one location to another which are relatively near each other for leveling uneven earth surfaces, and for similar projects; (ii) compaction equipment used to make the soil rigid or well compacted in preparation for asphaltting or paving [cementing]; (iii) lifting equipment which include crane/hoists with boom and forklifts; (iv) excavating equipment for digging ditches, canals, waterways, and the like; (v) asphaltting/concreting equipment used in transporting ready mixed asphalt/cement, as well as those used for applying/leveling asphalt/cement on the prepared soil; (vi) hauling equipment, which include dump trucks, garbage trucks, cargo trucks and trailers; and (vii) other types of equipment such as pile driving, air pumping and shop equipment.

B. Motor Vehicle Classification by Service/Utilization

1. **All-Terrain Vehicle** - a four-wheel heavy sports utility type vehicle with high under-chassis clearance and high piston displacements; used in traversing rugged and mountainous terrain or travelling off the road. Seating capacity varies from five (5) to 10 passengers on front bucket or bench seats, regular rear bench seat and/or several optional rear bench seats, which can be configured to accommodate passengers and/or cargoes.
2. **Armored Vehicle** - a four-wheel motor vehicle, armored with metal protective covering, and used in transporting large quantities of cash and/or highly valuable items such as gold, among others.

A bank or agency performing quasi-banking functions that would require the transport of large amounts of money and valuables may be authorized to acquire an armored vehicle.

Most locally available armored vehicles are built by truck/body builders utilizing chassis cab units and fitting them with armored plate and other necessary armored vehicle accessories.

3. **Fire Truck** - an automotive vehicle or full size heavy-built truck for use in fire-fighting activities. It is mounted/fitted with the necessary equipment, such as water tank, water pumps, hoses, ladder, and other basic fire-fighting apparatus.

Simpler versions are built/manufactured locally by truck/body builders utilizing chassis cab units. The more sophisticated versions, such as those designed for high rise building fires, are imported from abroad.

4. **Medical Ambulance** - a vehicle equipped with basic medical/lifesaving apparatus or equipment; the interior is designed for the conduction or conveyance of sick and/or injured persons to, from or between places of treatment for an illness or injury.
5. **Motorcycle** - a two-wheel vehicle having one (1) or two (2) riding saddles and sometimes a third wheel to support a side-car, if present. This is used by field workers assigned in rural areas not normally accessible to four-wheel vehicles, or for police and/or highway patrol operations or similar purposes.
6. **Patrol Vehicle** - a motor vehicle (four-door sedan, AUV/CUV owner-type jeep or motorcycle) for use in patrol operations within a city or municipality proper or highway patrol operations where speed and stability are critical when pursuing other speeding vehicles.
7. **Specific-Purpose Vehicle** - a custom-built motor vehicle for special application or for specific function/purpose

C. Other Motor Vehicle Classification

1. **Aircraft** - a vehicle or carrier which is able to fly by gaining support from the air, or in general, the atmosphere of the planet. This type includes airplanes, helicopters, gliders and other vehicles capable of atmospheric flight.
2. **Motorized Banca** - a small locally-manufactured boat with a wooden hull having a passenger capacity not exceeding 15, with RH and LH rigs, roof, stainless steel propellers and engines
3. **Motorized Boat** - a small and open vessel which is engine-powered and made of wood or fiber glass for use on water to complement off-shore/interisland transport and control operations
4. **Seacraft** - an engine-powered vessel intended for navigation on rivers, seas, oceans or other navigable waters

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REVISED MOTOR VEHICLE CLASSIFICATION AND SPECIFICATIONS GUIDE

Particulars (Intended Use/Users)	Vehicle Classification	Vehicle Specifications
A. FOR THE EXERCISE OF EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS		
1. For a Department Secretary and other officials of equivalent rank in National Government Agencies (NGAs), Government-Owned or -Controlled Corporations (GOCCs) and Local Government Units (LGUs)	a. Car (Sedan or Hatchback) -or-	Engine displacement not exceeding 2200 cc for gasoline or 3000 cc for diesel
	b. Asian Utility Vehicle (AUV) or Crossover Utility Vehicle (CUV)	Engine displacement not exceeding 2000 cc for gasoline or 2800 cc for diesel
2. For an Ambassador or Chief-of-Mission of Philippine embassies/consulates abroad for exclusive use in the country where the embassy/consulate is located	Car (Sedan)	Engine displacement not exceeding 3500 cc for gasoline or diesel
3. For a Department Undersecretary and other officials of equivalent rank in NGAs, GOCCs and LGUs 4. For a Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP)	a. Car (Sedan or Hatchback) -or-	Engine displacement not exceeding 1600 cc for gasoline or diesel
	b. AUV or CUV	Engine displacement not exceeding 2000 cc for gasoline or 2500 cc for diesel
5. For a Department Assistant Secretary and other officials of equivalent rank in NGAs, GOCCs and LGUs 6. For a Vice Chief of Staff and the Commanding Generals of the Major Services of the AFP	a. Car (Sedan or Hatchback) -or-	Engine displacement not exceeding 1500 cc for gasoline or diesel
	b. AUV or CUV	Engine displacement not exceeding 2000 cc for gasoline or 2500 cc for diesel
7. For a Bureau Director, Regional Director or department-wide/bureau-wide regional offices and other officials of equivalent rank in NGAs, GOCCs and LGUs	c. Car (Sedan or Hatchback) -or-	Engine displacement not exceeding 1500 cc for gasoline or diesel
	d. AUV or CUV	
B. FOR THE TRANSPORT OF PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, PRODUCTS AND MATERIALS		
1. For heavy field use in rural and remote areas with generally rugged road condition, mountainous and rugged terrain	a. Pick-Up -or-	Engine displacement not exceeding 2200 cc for gasoline or 3000cc for diesel
	b. All-terrain vehicle, commonly referred to as Sports Utility Vehicle	Engine displacement not exceeding 2000 cc for gasoline or 2400 cc for diesel



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2. For general urban use where road conditions are generally good	a. Passenger Van -or-	Engine displacement not exceeding 2200 cc for gasoline or 3000 cc for diesel
	b. Multi-Purpose Vehicle (MPV)	Engine displacement not exceeding 1500 cc for gasoline or 2500 cc for diesel
3. For use in semi-rugged roads in rural areas	a. "Assembled" Owner-Type Jeep -or-	Engine displacement not exceeding 1800 cc for gasoline or 2500 cc for diesel
	b. "Assembled" Passenger Jeepney-Type Vehicle	Engine displacement not exceeding 2000 cc for gasoline or 3000 cc for diesel
4. For use of field personnel/ workers who by the nature of their functions have to travel to remote areas not normally accessible by ordinary transport vehicles	Motorcycle	Engine displacement not exceeding 200 cc
5. For transport of personnel/visitors for activities related to education, tourism, trade and investment promotions, banking and finance, foreign affairs, and other official functions	Passenger Van	Engine displacement not exceeding 2200 cc for gasoline or 3000 cc for diesel
6. For mass transportation of personnel/visitors for activities related to education, tourism, trade and investment promotions, banking and finance, foreign affairs, and other official functions	a. Bus -or-	Engine displacement not exceeding 8500 cc for diesel
	b. Mini Bus	Engine displacement not exceeding 4500 cc for diesel
C. FOR THE TRANSPORT OF SICK AND/OR INJURED PERSONS		
1. For transport of sick and/or injured persons in hospitals, and for government agencies where an ambulance may be needed on stand-by at all times in case of emergency	a. MPV (for conversion into an ambulance and fitted with the necessary medical equipment and apparatus) -or-	Engine displacement not exceeding 1500 cc for gasoline or 2500 cc for diesel
	b. Passenger van (for conversion into an ambulance and fitted with the necessary medical equipment and apparatus) -or-	Engine displacement not exceeding 2200 cc for gasoline or 3000 cc for diesel
	c. Original ambulance, designed, built and equipped as such by the manufacturer	Specifications may vary according to manufacturer and the sophistication of the desired units

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D. FOR PATROL OPERATIONS		
1. For patrol operations within a city or municipal proper	a. <u>Patrol Car</u> Four-door car (Sedan or Hatchback)	Engine displacement not exceeding 1600 cc for gasoline or diesel
	b. <u>Patrol Vehicle</u> AUV or CUV	Engine displacement not exceeding 2000 cc for gasoline or 2500 cc for diesel
	c. <u>Patrol Jeep</u> Assembled owner-type jeepney	Engine displacement not exceeding 1800 cc for gasoline or 2500 cc for diesel
	d. <u>Patrol Motorcycle</u> Motorcycle	Specifications may vary according to the intended use of the agency and in consideration of the minimum specifications of motorcycles allowed in certain areas
2. For highway patrol operations where speed and stability are critical when pursuing other speedy vehicles	a. <u>Patrol car</u> Four-door car (Sedan or Hatchback)	Engine displacement not exceeding 2000 cc for gasoline or diesel
	b. <u>Patrol motorcycle</u> Motorcycle	Specifications may vary according to the intended use of the agency and in consideration of the minimum specifications of motorcycles allowed in certain areas
E. FOR DISASTER RESPONSE AND RESCUE/RELIEF OPERATIONS		
1. For mobility purposes and immediate response during disasters and calamities	a. MPV (for conversion into a rescue vehicle equipped with the necessary equipment and apparatus)	Engine displacement not exceeding 1500 cc for gasoline or 2500 cc for diesel
	b. Pick-up (for conversion into a rescue vehicle equipped with the necessary equipment and apparatus)	Engine displacement not exceeding 2200 cc for gasoline or 3000cc for diesel
	c. Motorcycle	Specifications may vary according to the intended use of the agency and in consideration of the minimum specifications of motorcycles allowed in certain areas

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F. FOR THE TRANSPORT OF CASH OR VALUABLE ITEMS		
1. For transport of large quantity of cash and highly valuable items such as gold and the like. Generally, only a bank or agency performing quasi-judicial functions that would require the transport of large amounts of money and valuables may be authorized an armored vehicle	a. <u>Armored Vehicle</u> Four or six-wheel custom-built armored vehicle; most of the locally available armored vehicles are built by truck/body builders utilizing chassis cab units and fitting them with armored plate and other necessary armored vehicle accessories	Engine displacement not exceeding 2500 cc for gasoline or 4500 cc for diesel; other desired features/specifications must be supplied by the requesting agency
G. FOR FIRE FIGHTING OPERATIONS		
1. To provide basic fire-fighting capability to the Bureau of Fire Protection, and other government agencies whose functions and operations necessitate the maintenance of a fire-fighting unit	a. <u>Fire Truck</u> Custom-built fire trucks (simpler versions are built/manufactured locally) b. <u>Original Fire Truck</u> More sophisticated versions and fully equipped according to the intended use	Since specifications vary according to the manufacturer, model, intended use, etc., all pertinent data/specifications about the proposed fire truck must be supplied by the requesting agency.
H. FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT		
1. For construction, improvement, rehabilitation and maintenance of roads, bridges and other infrastructure, and for use in waste management and environmental sanitation	Graders, pay loaders, dump trucks, road rollers, cement mixers, compactors and related equipment	Since specifications vary according to the manufacturer, model, intended use, etc., all pertinent data/specifications about the proposed heavy equipment must be supplied by the requesting agency.
I. FOR CARGO TRANSPORT AND DELIVERY OF EQUIPMENT		
1. For cargo transport/delivery of equipment and other cargoes, the weights of which are beyond the load capacity of the aforementioned vehicles which are for transport of personnel, equipment, supplies, products and materials, provided that the transport/delivery of cargoes is part of the regular function or operation of the agency	a. <u>Light Delivery Van</u> Four or six-wheel light cargo vehicle with closed delivery van-type body	Engine displacement not exceeding 4500 cc
	b. <u>Light Cargo Truck</u> Four or six-wheel light truck with open/drop-side cargo hold	Engine displacement not exceeding 7000 cc
	c. <u>Heavy Cargo Truck</u> Six or ten-wheel truck with open/drop-side cargo hold	Engine displacement not exceeding 9500 cc

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J. FOR AGRICULTURAL USE		
1. For cultivating agricultural farms as experiment or demonstration stations such as those in State Universities and Colleges and other educational institutions offering agricultural courses	Farm Tractor	Since the methods of cultivation to be applied vary, the specifications and other features of the proposed farm tractor must be supplied by the requesting agency.
K. FOR WATER TRANSPORT		
1. For inland waters and limited off-shore and inter-island transportation	Motorized Banca	Inboard engine not exceeding 30 horsepower
2. For off-shore patrol and inter-island operations	Motorized Boat	Since specifications vary according to the manufacturer, model, intended use, etc., all pertinent data/specifications about the proposed water transport must be supplied by the requesting agency.
3. For inter-island water/sea transport	All types of sea vessel except the aforesaid motorized banca and boat	
L. FOR AIR TRANSPORT		
1. For air transport	All types of aircraft such as airplanes, helicopters, etc.	Since specifications vary according to the manufacturer, model, intended use, etc., all pertinent data/specifications about the proposed air transport must be supplied by the requesting agency.
M. FOR SPECIAL FUNCTIONS/PURPOSE		
1. For agency's special functions/purpose	Custom-built for special function/purpose	Since specifications vary according to the manufacturer, model, intended use, etc., all pertinent data/specifications about the proposed motor vehicle must be supplied by the requesting agency.

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