

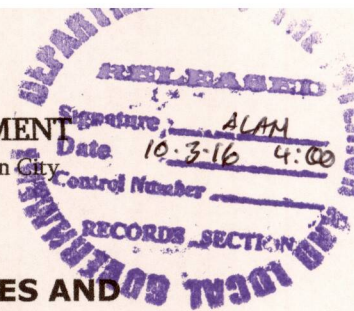


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## **IMPLEMENTING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ROADS, BRIDGES AND OTHER CRITICAL THOROUGHFARES UPON THE ONSET OF SEVERE WEATHER DISTURBANCES**

Memorandum Circular No. 2016-138

October 3, 2016

### **1.0 Background**

- 1.1. In reference to DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2016-114, titled, "La Niña Advisory Update", from July to December 2016, the country will experience the effects of the Southwest Monsoons (Habagat) and Inter-tropical Convergence Zones (ITZCs), Low Pressure Areas (LPAs) and several Tropical Cyclones to enter the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR).
- 1.2. Ultimately, the effects of these weather disturbances such as, but not limited to, flooding and rain-induced landslides on critical thoroughfares can hamper economic activities, cause major damages to infrastructures and facilities, and cause accidents that may result to the loss of lives.

### **2.0 Purpose**

The purpose of the policy is to provide guidance to all concerned on the temporary closure of roads and other areas that are hazard-prone to prevent incidents which may lead to casualties in times of severe weather disturbances.

### **3.0 Scope/Coverage**

All Provincial Governors, City and Municipal Mayors, Punong Barangays, DILG Regional Directors, ARMM Regional Governor, and all others concerned

### **4.0 Policy Content and Guidelines**

- 4.1. The Department enjoins all local government units to:
  - 4.1.1. Carry out proactive measures and implement temporary closure of roads, bridges and other critical thoroughfares not limited to rivers, streams and other bodies of water that are being used for public transport upon alert of impending disasters;
  - 4.1.2. Identify national and local roads and bridges that will likely be affected by the impending disaster and identify alternate routes for all temporary closures accordingly;
  - 4.1.3. Issue an advisory to all concerned, particularly the DOTr and LTFRB, prior to the implementation of the temporary closure of affected areas;

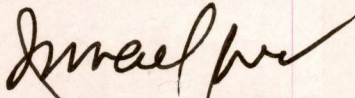
- 4.1.4. Pass a local ordinance regarding the above-mentioned and develop a Standard Operating Procedure as basis for future use; and
- 4.1.5. Closely coordinate with DPWH (for national roads and bridges), DENR-MGB (for flood- and rain-induced landslides hazard-prone areas) and DOST-PAGASA (for rainfall projections) for the identification of areas that require temporary road closures.

4.2. All DILG Regional Directors are hereby directed to cause the widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular.

**5.0 Effectivity**

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

**6.0 Approving Authority**

  
**ISMAEL D. SUENO**  
Secretary

**7.0 Feedback**



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