

NPM No. 24-2006

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HON. SALVACION Z. PEREZ

Governor

PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE

San Jose, Antique

Re : Procurement of Second-Hand Vehicles/Equipment

Dear Sir:

We refer to your letter dated 16 November 2006 requesting for a definitive opinion on whether the procurement of second-hand vehicles or equipment is prohibited by Republic Act No. (R.A.) 9184.

Please be advised that procurement of second-hand vehicles or equipment is not prohibited by R.A. 9184. It is the procurement of second-hand vehicle through an auction that is prohibited by R.A. 9184 for reasons we have stated in our Non Policy Opinion No. 138-2004 dated 26 October 2004.

Consequently, procurement of second-hand vehicle, which is allowed under R.A. 9184, must follow the procedure prescribed in Republic Act No. (R.A.) 9184, *i.e.*, conduct of competitive public bidding, unless circumstances warrant resort to any of the alternative modes of procurement.

We hope to have clarified the matter.

Very truly yours,



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