



Cordillera truckers now complying with load limit law says DPWH. BAGUIO CITY – Truckers in the Cordillera region are now strictly adhering to the provisions of Republic Act (RA) 8794 otherwise known as the Anti-Overloading Law.

This was disclosed by Engr. Mariano Alquiza, regional director of the Department of Public Works and highways (DPWH) in the Cordillera, adding that his office has no longer received any complaints from groups of truckers on the strict implementation of the load limit in various national roads, particularly at the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX).

He pointed out that the multi-sectoral dialogue among Benguet truckers, DPWH and Manila North Tollways Corporation (MNTC), builder and concessionaire of the NLEX, which was held over a month ago in La Trinidad, Benguet, bore significant results beneficial to the interest of the government, the investors, the truckers and local businessmen.

However, Alquiza explained that there must be a continuous dialogue among all parties affected to ensure better approaches to the problems that might arise on the implementation of the law.

The DPWH official assured his support to the concerns of the truckers and the MNTC management, saying that he will make himself available to discuss things with them, especially during the weighing and loading exercise to be done at NLEX for the satisfaction of

the officers and members of the Benguet Vegetable Truckers and Traders Association, Inc. that some trucks, particularly the chicken dung dealers are not checked.

Earlier, statistics obtained from MNTC showed a tremendous decline in the trucks, trailers and heavy motor vehicles being apprehended at NLEX for violating the load limit law.

Considered by transport experts as the most liberal load limit in the global village, RA 8794 prohibits heavy motor vehicles from having more than 13.5 tons in axle load from passing through roads and bridges in the country.

On the commitment of Alquiza to provide a temporary weighing scale for the exclusive use of truckers at the La Trinidad vegetable trading post for trying weighing of loaded trucks, he revealed that he will personally follow up the matter with the DPWH central office so that priority will be given to the plight of truckers that they be provided with a temporary weighing scales so that they could comply with the load limit at NLEX.

The DPWH will also provide the technical people who will teach the local truckers on the proper loading techniques so that vegetable trucks would be able to meet the standard load limit and to satisfy the needs of local traders and truckers.