



Overloading talks gain breakthrough. The controversy over the load limits being strictly enforced at the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX) appeared to have been ultimately resolved through a tripartite dialogue held last Tuesday in Benguet as vegetable traders and truckers set aside their demand for exemption from the Anti-Overloading Law.

Leaders of the Benguet Vegetable Traders and Truckers Association, Inc. (BVTTAI) instead asked officials of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) who attended the meeting to lend them portable weigh scales that they can use for at least one week at the trading post here in getting accustomed to the right cargo.

DPWH director for the Cordillera Autonomous Region Mariano Alquiza vowed to make arrangements to grant the request. MNTC vice president Raul Ignacio also offered his company's assistance in educating the traders and truckers on the load limits as mandated by Republic Act 8794, also called the Anti-Overloading Law.

Heartened by the consensus, National Road Board director and Safety Organization of the Philippines, Inc. chairman Alberto Suansing declared that the dialogue achieved a breakthrough in resolving the controversy.