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The Department of Finance also issued a general circular No. V-51, dated July 2, 1948, regarding exemption of certain articles from the compensating tax. The exemption covers articles used by the importer himself in the manufacture or preparation of, and to form part of, articles subject to specific tax or for consignment abroad; single shipment to a single person of an article not exceeding ₱100 in value; and goods brought by a returning resident of a total value of not exceeding ₱500.

The Department of Finance further issued a circular letter, No. 245, regarding forfeiture of bonds for failure to produce certificates of origin or notarial certificates of manufacturers, within the time provided in the bond.

Philippine Safety Council

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THE Philippine Safety Council, in an official release, has praised Chief Primo Villar of the Motor Vehicles Office and the board of directors of the Philippine Motor Association for recent action taken with a view toward traffic safety.

Chief Villar has announced a nation-wide drive against illegal for-hire vehicles. This campaign should reduce traffic mishaps considerably, as that type of vehicle figures heavily in accident statistics. The Safety Council has devoted much attention to these factors for some time, in cooperation with the Public Service Commission and the M. V. O.

The Council also heartily endorsed the plan of the Philippine Motor Association to revive the pre-war school-boy safety patrols to guard school children at intersections and crosswalks while going to and from school. In spite of the efforts of the Manila Junior Police, many such crossings present great danger both to the children and to the motorist.

Another Safety Council announcement disclosed that driver training classes are continuing full scale in the Bachrach Taxis, Rural Transit Buses, Philippine Match

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Company, Time Taxis, and other companies. Complete eye tests were recently given all drivers of the Coca Cola plant, the San Miguel Brewery, the Harbor Police; with others scheduled to follow soon. Other types of safety programs are in progress in Elizalde & Company, Puyat & Sons, and the Manila Electric Company.

As part of its participation in the recently organized Committee of Civic Organizations, the Safety Council is preparing a modern and complete set of traffic regulations for use in the Philippines. Louis P. Croft is acting as chairman of the group engaged in this work. The improved regulations will be based upon those introduced by Frank S. Tenny during his incumbency as Director of Traffic for Manila.

The San Miguel Brewery, including its numerous allied companies, continues to set the pace in incorporating industrial safety measures into its operations. The Company Safety Program is designed to protect employees from accidents, to promote operational efficiency, and to further the national safety movement in general.

A driver training program was begun during the latter part of last year. All drivers of San Miguel were given lectures, tests, etc. which has resulted in bettering their already good traffic records. The Coca Cola drivers, in particular, attained the highest marks on their written driver tests in Safety Council experience. Recently all drivers underwent a professional drivers eye-test and the program is continuing from time to time. Of special note is the industrial safety program recently begun. The plan is divided into phases of Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting, Lighting Efficiency, Prevention of Industrial Accidents, and Security Systems. Each plant will be treated according to its individual needs and in accordance with the most modern and accepted international safety standards. Teams are scheduled to finish the initial surveys at the main brewery by August 1. Employee safety committees will be formed to obtain their suggestions and to aid in furthering the program among all the workers.

Philippine Parcel Post

A RECENT exchange of letters between the Director of Posts and this Chamber is of interest. It concerns the fact that while there is no limitation on the number of parcels, regardless of contents, which may be sent from the United States to an office or an official of the Philippine Government, private persons and entities may receive only one such parcel a week with the exception of parcels containing books, on which there is no limitation.

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