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NORTH KOREAN CABINET DECISION NO 14 --
ROAD ADMINISTRATION

1. "Roads" refer to all roads designated by the Cabinet as first, second, third and fourth class roads, and recognized as such by the Minister of Home Affairs or the Minister of City Planning.

2. Roads are classified as follows:

a. First-class roads

- (1) Roads leading to the national capital and provincial capitals.
- (2) Roads connecting various provincial capital cities.
- (3) Important roads leading to international borders.
- (4) Roads connecting various famous places within the national boundary.
- (5) All city streets that are 30 meters or more wide.

b. Second-class roads

- (1) All roads connecting provincial capitals with county seats and various smaller cities.
- (2) Road connecting cities and county seat.
- (3) All roads connecting important points within the provincial boundary.
- (4) All city streets 20 meters or more wide.

c. Third-class roads

- (1) All roads connecting cities and county seats with township seats.
- (2) All roads connecting various township seats within a county.

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(3) Roads connecting famous points either within the limits of the county or out of the county.

(4) All city streets 12 meters or more wide.

d. Fourth-class roads

(1) All roads connecting township seats with village offices.

(2) Roads between various village offices.

(3) Roads between important towns.

(4) All city streets 6 meters or more wide.

e. Unclassified roads

(1) All miscellaneous roads.

(2) City streets narrower than 6 meters.

3. The following constructions come under the provisions of this Cabinet Decision:

a. Bridges, ferries, and cableways that are to be in service in conjunction with roads.

b. Underdrains, side ditches, roadside tree plantings, fences, road signs, mileage markers, boundary markers, markers for road districts, road supply depots, etc.

c. Other constructions considered to be essential in maintaining serviceable roads.

4. Irrespective of the class, all roads within the jurisdiction of a city administrative district shall be under the supervision of the Ministry of City Planning, and other roads under the supervision of the Cabinet.

5. Each city, county, and township is responsible for all road signs and marks in its area.

6. Every road bureau shall be responsible for furnishing adequate road signs and markers on all four classes of roads, excluding miscellaneous roads.

7. It shall be the responsibility of each road bureau to see that all classified roads are inspected and repaired twice a year in spring and fall. In case of emergency, adequate steps must be taken immediately to keep the roads in serviceable condition.

8. In the event a work project undertaken by a nonhighway authority is considered by the authorities to be detrimental to the road system, the highway authorities are permitted to negotiate with the nonhighway authorities engaged in the project either to have the project stopped or to receive compensation for any damage inflicted upon the road.

9. Any work project which may prove to be detrimental to the road system shall not be permitted without the specific consent of the highway authorities. The work project, although legal permit may have been obtained, must be reported for an official inspection within 20 days after completion.

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10. Those desiring construction permits under the circumstances stated in paragraphs 8 and 9 must submit papers listed below together with application for a construction permit:

a. Project Plans

(1) Road classification, names of adjoining roads, and the location of the proposed construction.

(2) Purpose of project.

(3) Cost of construction.

(4) Estimated date of completion.

(5) Method of construction.

b. Specifications and charts.

(1) Ground plan.

(2) Longitudinal plan.

(3) Working drawings.

11. Individuals or organizations wishing to do the work described below must obtain the necessary permit from an appropriate highway authority:

a. New road construction, renovation, or removal.

b. Construction of underground passages, ferries, cableways.

c. Increase of ferry fares.

12. In order to obtain a permit for works as described in paragraph 11, the applicant must supply the following information:

a. Working Drawing

(1) Road classification, name of road system, and location of the proposed project.

(2) Purpose of the project.

(3) Cost of construction.

(4) Estimated date of completion.

(5) Method of construction.

b. General area and construction charts of the work.

13. Those desiring to collect ferry tolls must make application, accompanied by the following information:

a. Statement of Enterprise

(1) Road classification, name of road system, and location of ferry.

(2) Details of the installations.

(3) Toll area and the period of the proposed toll collection.

(4) Amount of toll and method of collection.

(5) Detail estimates of collection and expenditure.

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14. An individual or organization collecting tolls must post the following on a public bulletin board:

- a. Name of toll collector.
- b. Toll boundary.
- c. Rate and method of collection.
- d. Conditions under which toll-free travel is allowed.

15. An individual or organization desiring to use [sic] highway, for a long or short period, or when intending to do some sort of additional construction work must obtain the necessary permit from an appropriate authority.

16. The individual or organization which is responsible for the care of electric-power transmission lines along a highway or nearby cableways is responsible for all safety measures.

17. Property damage brought about as the result of road construction or repair must be reported to the proper authority within 30 days.

18. The following activities on or nearby the road are prohibited:

- a. Plowing the land designated as future road construction.
- b. Cutting roadside trees and letting loose horses and cattle.
- c. Defacing road signs, or destruction of any road installations.

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