

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 19 - 04
Series of 2019

TO : All Manufacturers and Importers of Steel Products Covered by
DAO 18-08 Series of 2018 and Other Concerned

SUBJECT : Supplemental Guidelines for the Implementation of DAO 18-08
Series of 2018

WHEREAS, the Department Administrative Order (DAO) 18-08 Series of 2018 took effect on 06 January 2019, the objective of which is to strictly ensure that steel products comply with the specified and/or quality requirement/s as prescribed therein.

WHEREAS, the affected parties consisting of manufacturers and importers expressed their support in the intention of the Department of Trade and Industry to ensure consumer protection through mandatory certification of steel products;

WHEREAS, as provided in the transitory provisions (Rule 24.5) of DAO 18-08:2018, all manufacturers shall comply with the new requirements on embossed markings prescribed herein, particularly for steel grade, micro-alloy or quench and tempered bars, six (6) months after the effectivity in the said DAO, or on 06 July 2019;

WHEREAS, a revised standards for steel bars or the Philippine National Standard (PNS) 49:2019 – Steel bars for concrete reinforcement – Specification has been promulgated on January 2019 prescribing new requirements on steel grades and markings, among others;

WHEREAS, a group of manufacturers requested to extend the mandatory implementation of the new marking requirements to give them ample time to make the necessary re-tooling as well as review the marking requirements prescribed on the new PNS 49:2019;

WHEREAS, Rule 23 of DAO 18-08:2018 prescribes that the BPS may issue procedural guidelines as may be necessary in the implementation of the said DAO;

WHEREFORE, foregoing premises considered, this supplemental guideline is hereby issued for the guidance of all concerned;

1. Rule 24.5 of the DAO 18-08:2018 or the transitory provision for the mandatory implementation of the new embossed markings for steel bars is hereby extended until 05 September 2019;
2. All local/foreign manufacturers and importers of steel products covered under DAO 18-08:2018 shall comply with the new requirements on embossed markings for steel grade, micro-alloy or quench and tempered bars prescribed in the said DAO, beginning 06 September 2019;

3. Market monitoring and enforcement to ensure that all steel products covered by the DAO 18-08:2018 distributed in the local market bears the new requirements on embossed markings shall commence twelve (12) months after the extension period, or on 06 September 2020. All non-compliant product by this time shall be subject to the appropriate legal actions.

This Memorandum Circular shall be effective immediately after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation, a copy of which shall be submitted to the UP Office of National Administrative Register.

For the information and guidance of those concerned.

Done in the City of Makati this 1st day of August in the year 2019.

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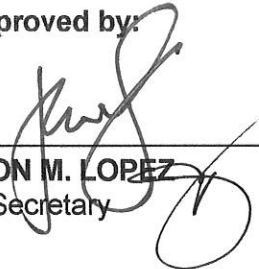


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