

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 22-07

Series of 2022

To : All Manufacturers and Importers of Ceramic Plumbing Fixture Covered by DAO 21-08, Series of 2021 and Others Concerned

SUBJECT : Supplemental Guidelines for the Implementation of DAO 21-08, Series of 2021

WHEREAS, the Department Administrative Order (DAO) 21-08, Series of 2021 took effect on 22 December 2021, the objective of which is to strictly ensure that ceramic plumbing fixture (CPFs) comply with the specified quality requirements as prescribed therein;

WHEREAS, DAO 21-08, Series of 2021 requires sampling and testing for all brands, types, and models of the CPFs on a per shipment / bill of lading basis prior to the issuance of ICC Certificates and Stickers;

WHEREAS, several importers raised their concern on the acceptance of valid test report issued for previous shipments of CPFs specifically on the cost of product testing, as well as concerns on the required product markings prescribed by DAO 21-08, Series of 2021;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Rule 23 of DAO 21-08, Series of 2021, BPS may issue such procedural guidelines as may be necessary in the implementation of this Order;

WHEREAS, consistent with Good Regulatory Practice, the Department is committed to continuously review its Technical Regulations in order to balance the interest of the stakeholders without compromising the safety of the consumers;

WHEREFORE, foregoing premises considered, this Memorandum Circular is hereby issued for the guidance of all concerned.

1. ACCEPTANCE OF VALID TEST REPORT

The submission of valid test reports for Import Commodity Clearance (ICC) application shall be accepted until **30 June 2022** with the provisions stated hereunder:

- 1.1. The test report was issued by a BPS-recognized testing laboratory issued within one (1) year before the application date;
- 1.2. The reference standard shall be PNS 156:2000 or PNS 156:2010, whichever is applicable; and,
- 1.3. The submitted test reports shall be type, model, brand, and manufacturer specific.

Upon compliance with the aforementioned conditions, Import Commodity Clearance (ICC) and ICC Sticker shall be issued.

2. PRODUCT MARKINGS

Clause 10.3 of DAO 21-08, Series of 2021, shall be replaced as follows:

Additional Marking - The packaging of each CPF shall bear the following information:

1. Manufacturer's Name or Registered trade name or brand name, in the case of private labeling, the name of the customer for whom the fixture was manufactured;
2. Manufacturer's or Importer's name and address in the Philippines;
3. Type/ Model number;
4. The words "Made in the Philippines" (for imported products, Country of manufacture);
5. Lot/Batch Number; and
6. PS Mark with License Number, if applicable.

3. REPEALING CLAUSE

All other orders or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Circular are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

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 28th day of March in the year 2022.

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