



MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 18 - 08
Series of 2018

TO : ALL HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCE MANUFACTURERS, IMPORTERS,
AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF TRANSITION PROVIDED UNDER
DAO 18-03:2018

WHEREAS, DAO 18-03:2018 took effect on 25 February 2018, the objective of which is to update the versions of the Philippine National Standards (PNS) for household and similar electrical appliances being implemented by the Bureau of Philippine Standards (BPS) under its Mandatory Product Certification Schemes and to enhance consumer protection by providing additional commonly used household appliances to be included in the BPS' list of products under mandatory certification;

WHEREAS, as provided in the transitory provision (Clause 8) of DAO 18-03:2018, mandatory certification and enforcement activities for products covered therein are expected to commence on 25 August 2018 and 25 August 2019, respectively.

WHEREAS, the local household appliance industry consisting of manufacturers and importers expressed their support to the Department's objective of ensuring consumer protection by regulating commonly used household appliances through mandatory certification;

WHEREAS, taking into consideration the volume of products covered by the implementation of DAO 18-03:2018, the transitory period provided therein needs to be extended to give the local household appliance industry sufficient time to make the necessary preparations and adjustments;

WHEREAS, it is the duty of this Department to balance the interests of all stakeholders concerned without compromising the safety of consumers;

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

1. All manufacturers or importers of the products covered by the DAO 18-03:2018 shall be required to undergo the mandatory product certification procedures (PS or ICC certification) using the standards prescribed therein beginning 25 August 2019;
2. Starting 01 January 2020, all products under section 5.1 of DAO 18-03:2018 that shall be distributed or offered for sale in the market shall bear a valid PS mark or ICC stickers. Compliance therewith shall be verified through the conduct of market monitoring and enforcement activities.
3. PS Licenses (local and foreign) issued under DAO 04:2008 and the previous Implementing Guidelines of the products stated in clause 5.1 of DAO 18-03:2018, shall remain valid until the date of expiration thereof unless sooner revoked and subject to the same terms and conditions stated therein. All recertification audit to be conducted after 25 August 2019 shall be subject to the provisions of DAO 18-03:2018; and

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4. All test reports issued prior to 25 August 2019 shall remain valid subject to the validity period stated in the specific product's implementing guidelines and the DAO 15-01:2015.


This Memorandum Circular shall be effective immediately after its publication in a national 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.

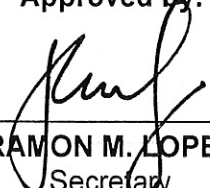
Done in the City of Makati this 6th day of July in the year 2018.

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