

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 19 - 11
Series of 2019

To : All Manufacturers and Importers of Cement Products Covered by
DAO 17-06, Series of 2017 and Others Concerned

SUBJECT : Supplemental Guidelines for the Implementation of DAO 17-06,
Series of 2017

WHEREAS, the Department Administrative Order (DAO) 17-06 series of 2017 took effect on 29 November 2017, the objective of which is to strictly ensure that cement products comply with the specified safety and/or quality requirement/s as prescribed therein;

WHEREAS, a revised edition of PNS 07 or the Philippine National Standard (PNS) 07:2018 – Portland cement– Specification was published on 14 December 2018 and amendment thereof was published on 30 July 2019 prescribing additional cement types, increase in the maximum limit of loss on ignition and insoluble residue, among others;

WHEREAS, a revised edition of PNS 63 or the Philippine National Standard (PNS) 63:2019 – Blended cement– Specification was published on 16 October 2019 prescribing additional cement types and bag markings, among others;

WHEREAS, to update the Technical Regulation for cement, some of cement manufacturers and importers requested the updating of the reference standard prescribed by DAO 17-06 series of 2017;

WHEREAS, some cement manufacturers and importers are encountering issues on the manner of composite sampling of cement products as prescribed in Rule 7.3 and 7.4 of DAO 17-06 series of 2017;

WHEREAS, Rule 23 of DAO 17-06:2017 prescribes that the BPS may issue procedural guidelines as may be necessary in the implementation of the said DAO;

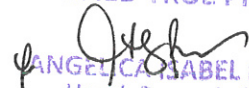
WHEREFORE, foregoing premises considered, this guideline is hereby issued to supplement the implementation of DAO 17-06 series of 2017 for the guidance of all concerned.

1. Updating of Reference Standards

1.1 To verify conformance of the portland cement and blended cement covered by DAO 17-06:2017, the latest edition of PNS 07:2018 Amd 1:2019 and PNS 63:2019 shall be used as references. Thus, all local/foreign manufacturers and importers of portland cement and blended cement covered by DAO 17-06:2017 shall comply with the chemical and physical requirements prescribed in said reference standards upon effectivity of this Order;

1.2 All local/foreign manufacturers and importers of type P and type IP blended cement shall comply with the new marking requirement six (6) months after the date of effectivity of this Order;

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1.3 Considering the regular updating of standards, future editions of the standards for portland cement and blended cement covered by DAO 17-06:2017 shall be used as references one (1) year after its promulgation to provide ample time to all stakeholders to adjust and conform to the new requirements, if any.

2. Sampling Requirements

To prevent contamination of cement samples, sampling shall be undertaken as follows:

- 2.1. For initial audit, the required sampling size shall be two (2) sets of twenty (20) kilograms per brand per type or two (2) bags of forty (40) kilogram per brand per type. The first set is for in-plant testing and the second set for independent testing;
- 2.2. For surveillance audits, the required sampling for third party independent testing shall be three (3) sets of twenty (20) kilogram per brand per type or three (3) bags of forty (40) kilogram per brand per type. Additional set for in-plant testing shall be drawn, if necessary.

3. Safeguard Duty

- 3.1 All importers of cement covered by DAO 17-06:2017 shall submit proof of payment of the prescribed safeguard duty as part of the documentary requirements in filing the Statement of Confirmation (SOC) application;
- 3.2 In case the importer fails to submit proof of payment of the prescribed safeguard duty upon filing the SOC application, Conditional Release may still be issued. However, SOC certificate shall only be issued upon submission of the said document.

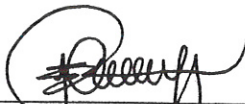
4 Market Monitoring and Enforcement

Market monitoring and enforcement to ensure that all blended cement products covered by DAO 17-06:2017 distributed in the in the local market bears the new marking requirements shall commence twelve (12) months after the date of effectivity of this Order. 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.

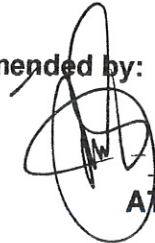
For the information and guidance of those concerned.

Done in the City of Makati this 20th day of December in the year 2019.



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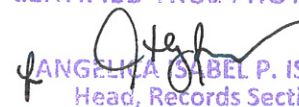
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