



MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 21-17

Series of 2021

TO : All Manufacturers and Importers of Plywood Products and Others Concerned

SUBJECT : Supplemental Guidelines for the Implementation of DAO 20-06, Series of 2020

WHEREAS, the Department Administrative Order (DAO) 20-06, Series of 2020 took effect on 30 October 2020, the objective of which is to strictly ensure that plywood products comply with the specified safety and/or quality requirement/s as prescribed therein;

WHEREAS, some stakeholders raised their concern on the scope of implementation of DAO 20-06, Series of 2020, particularly on the plywood products not intended for distribution in the market and will be utilized for furniture making;

WHEREAS, there are other types of plywood products used for other purposes that are not covered by DAO 20-06, Series of 2020;

WHEREAS, there is a need to verify the importations of plywood and similar types to ensure that all plywood products covered by DAO 20-06, Series of 2020 will undergo the mandatory certification process as required in the said technical regulation;

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;

WHEREAS, the BPS may issue such procedural guidelines as may be necessary in the implementation of DAO 20-06, Series of 2020;

WHEREFORE, foregoing premises considered, this guideline is hereby issued to supplement the implementation of DAO 20-06, Series of 2020 for the guidance of all concerned:

1. Scope of DAO 20-06, Series of 2020

- 1.1 Upon effectivity of this Memorandum Circular, all importations of plywood products intended for the manufacture of furniture shall be exempted from product sampling and testing. However, product inspection and verification shall be conducted on the first shipment;
- 1.2 All succeeding importations of plywood products intended for the manufacture of furniture, may not be subjected to further inspection and verification provided that the importer has been previously inspected and verified and subsequently issued a Certificate of Exemption. The Certificate of Exemption may be issued upon satisfactory evaluation of the application and the corresponding documentary requirements. The BPS reserves the right to conduct product inspection and verification whenever needed;
- 1.3 All importations of decorative, laminated, film-faced, phenolic, and pre-finished veneered and other similar types of plywood are covered by DAO

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20-06, series of 2020 and shall be subjected to product inspection and verification on a per shipment, per Bill of Lading / Airway Bill basis. However, the same shall not be subjected to product sampling and testing. The Certificate of Exemption may be issued upon satisfactory evaluation of the application and the corresponding documentary requirements.

2. The PS Quality Mark Licensing Scheme

- 2.1. PS License shall be required for all local or imported plywood products covered by DAO 20-06, Series of 2020;
- 2.2. PS License shall not be required for all imported plywood products intended for the manufacture of furniture;
- 2.3. PS License shall not be required for all local or imported decorative, laminated, film-faced, phenolic, and pre-finished veneered plywood.

3. Prohibited Acts, Sanctions and Penalties

- 3.1. Any misdeclaration or misrepresentation made by the manufacturer or importer with regard to the type of plywood or declaration on the intended use or purpose of the product in order to circumvent the certification process shall be considered a serious violation of the technical regulations and shall result to immediate suspension of the PS License, as well as the imposition of administrative penalty amounting to Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (PhP500,000.00).
- 3.2. If the manufacturer or importer has no valid PS License, the same shall be blacklisted from importing or manufacturing covered products.

4. 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 7th day of May in the year 2021.



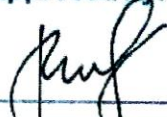
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