



**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 21-1744**

Series of 2021

**To : All Manufacturers and Importers of Steel Products Covered by  
DAO 18-08 Series of 2018 and Others Concerned**

**SUBJECT : Extension of the Transitory Provision for Market Monitoring and  
Enforcement for the Implementation of MC 21-07, Series of 2021**

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**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 safety and/or quality requirement/s as prescribed therein;

**WHEREAS**, Memorandum Circular (MC) 21-07, Series of 2021 was issued on 16 February 2021 as supplemental guidelines for the implementation of DAO 18-08, Series of 2018 which states the regular updating of reference standards for steel bars, the corresponding markings requirements for deformed steel bars, and market monitoring and enforcement of the same;

**WHEREAS**, to further simplify the required markings incorporating the updated reference standard for deformed steel bars, BPS prescribed new acceptable embossed markings in MC 21-07, Series of 2021;

**WHEREAS**, market monitoring and enforcement shall commence on 01 December 2021 to ensure that all deformed steel bars covered by DAO 18-08, Series of 2018 distributed in the local market bear the new marking requirements prescribed in MC 21-07, Series of 2021;

**WHEREAS**, considering the volume of deformed steel bars that are already released and distributed in the Philippine market prior to the implementation of MC 21-07, Series of 2021 and the ongoing effect of COVID-19 pandemic on several businesses, including steel bar manufacturing and distribution, there is a need for BPS' further action on the proper disposition of deformed steel bars bearing the old markings;

**WHEREFORE**, Rule 23 of DAO 18-08, Series of 2018 specifically stipulates that 'BPS may issue such guidelines/procedures as may be necessary in the implementation of this Order';

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

1. All local/foreign manufacturers and importers of deformed steel bars covered by DAO 18-08, series of 2018 including their local distributors and/or hardware stores shall utilize and/or dispose the remaining inventories of deformed steel bars bearing the old markings until 31 December 2022.
2. Market monitoring and enforcement shall commence on 01 January 2023 to ensure that all deformed steel bars covered by DAO 18-08, Series of 2018 distributed in the local market bear the new marking requirements prescribed in MC 21-07, Series of 2021. All non-compliant products by this time shall be subject to the following:

- a. First Offense – Notice of Violation shall be issued but retailers/distributors shall only be advised to pull-out the items from the selling area.
- b. Second Offense onwards – Notice of Violation shall be issued subject to the regular adjudication process.

**3. Repealing Clause**

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

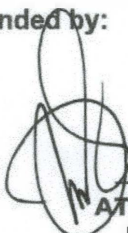
This Memorandum Circular shall be effective immediately after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation, a copy of which shall be submitted to the UP Office of National Administrative Register.

For the information and guidance of those concerned.

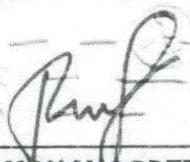
Done in the City of Makati this 22nd day of December in the year 2021.

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