

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 21-30

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 quality requirements as prescribed therein;

WHEREAS, the Department received a request from the Philippine Wood Producers Association (PWPA) dated 29 June 2021, on behalf of its affected members to allow reasonable time, given the pandemic, to comply;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Rule 23 of DAO 20-06, Series of 2020, 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, considering the request from the industry, the impact of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and the recent calamities to the local industry and consumers, and in order to prevent supply disruption during the rebuilding efforts, these additional provisions are hereby issued for the guidance of all concerned;

1. Transitory Provisions

- 1.1 All importation of plywood products covered by DAO 20-06, Series of 2020 sourced from a foreign manufacturer without a valid PS License shall be allowed until 31 December 2021. Moreover, the said importations shall only be exempted from the PS requirements under Rule 4. All other requirements and procedures prescribed therein shall apply, i.e. inspection, sampling, testing, and submission of surety bond. In lieu of Statement of Confirmation (SOC), Import Commodity Clearance (ICC) certificate shall be issued.
- 1.2 By 01 January 2022, all manufacturers of plywood products shall have a valid PS License prior to manufacture, distribution, and/or sell. Likewise, all importations of plywood products arriving on 01 January 2022 onwards, shall be sourced from manufacturing plant/s with a valid PS License.

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2. 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All other orders or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Circular are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.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 3rd day of August in the year 2021.

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