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Memorandum

To: **All Regional Directors**

From: **The EMB Director**

Subject: **Exemption of Isoocyanate from DENR AO 97/39 Chemical Control Order for Cyanide and Cyanide Compounds**

Please be informed that Isoocyanate is not a cyanide compound but a functional group of atoms N-C O (nitrogen-carbon-oxygen). While isoocyanate do have their own particular hazards, none of the isoocyanate functional groups formed by condensation such as cyanurate, urea or urethane, nor as isoocyanate derivative or the isoocyanate anion itself may form cyanide ion under any reasonable environmental condition or through any demonstrated organic pathway.

As such, isoocyanate compounds are not covered by DENR AO 97/39 but may be covered by Pre-Manufacturing, Pre-Importation Notification Clearance (PMPIN)

Please be guided accordingly.


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