



EMB MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
No. 2020 - **009**

MAR 11 2020

SUBJECT: GUIDELINES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GLOBALLY HARMONIZED SYSTEM (GHS) CLASSIFICATION AND LABELLING REQUIREMENTS FOR CHEMICALS UNDER INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION (IATA) AND INTERNATIONAL MARITIME DANGEROUS GOODS (IMDG)

I. RATIONALE

Pursuant to Republic Act 6969 otherwise known as “Toxic Substances and Hazardous and Nuclear Wastes Act of 1990”, Joint Administrative Order (JAO) 2009-01 on “Adoption and Implementation of Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals”, DENR Administrative Order 2015-09 “Implementing Rules and Procedures for the Implementation of the Globally Harmonized System (GHS) of Classification and Labelling of Chemical Substances and EMB Memorandum Circular 2015- 011 on GHS Guidance Manual in the Preparation of Safety Data Sheets (SDS) and Labelling requirements of Toxic Chemical Substances”, the following policy guidelines are developed for industry sectors’ compliance for the importation, manufacture, handling, storage and transport of chemicals under the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG).

II. OBJECTIVES

This Memorandum Circular aims to:

- 2.1 Provide the necessary guidelines for the proper implementation of DAO 2015-09 with regard to chemicals under IATA and IMDG.
- 2.2 Guide the chemical industry sectors to comply with the requirements under DAO 2015-09 and EMB Memorandum Circular 2015-011 on the preparation of Safety Data Sheet (SDS) and labelling of toxic chemicals under IATA and IMDG.
- 2.3 Provide the EMB Central Office and Regional Offices with the required mechanism for the monitoring of compliance of the chemical industry sectors for chemicals under IATA and IMDG.

III. DEFINITION OF TERMS

- 3.1 International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code – is an internationally agreed regulation developed by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and sets provisions for the safe transport of dangerous goods by sea.
- 3.2 International Air Transport Association (IATA) – It is the trade association for the world’s airlines which supports many areas of aviation activity and helps

