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EMB MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR No. 2022 - **004**

SUBJECT: DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE EMB REGIONAL OFFICES TO ISSUE CERTIFICATION FOR THE REGISTRATION AND IMPORTATION CLEARANCE OF LEAD AND LEAD COMPOUNDS

Pursuant to Republic Act 6969, otherwise known as the "Toxic Substances and Hazardous and Nuclear Wastes Control Act of 1990", DENR Administrative Order (DAO) No. 29, Series of 1992, the "Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act 6969", and DAO 2013-24, "Chemical Control Order for Lead and Lead Compounds", this Order is hereby issued to delegate to the Regional Offices the certification for the registration and importation clearance of lead and lead compounds.

SECTION 1. RATIONALE

For the purpose of improving and strengthening the processing and monitoring of the applications of CCO for Lead and Lead Compounds, this Memorandum Circular aims to delegate the evaluation of applications for CCO for Lead and Lead Compounds Registration and Importation Clearances to the Regional Offices.

SECTION 2. GUIDELINES TO THE REGIONAL OFFICES

2.1. Online Permitting and Monitoring System (OPMS) Utilization.

The registration and importation clearance applications for the CCO of Lead and Lead Compounds shall still be processed through the Online Permitting and Monitoring System (OPMS). This is in line with EMB Memorandum Circular 2019-006, "Implementation of Online Processing and Monitoring of Chemical Control Order (CCO) Registration Certificates, CCO Importation Clearances, Pre-shipment Importation Clearances (PSIC), Small Quantity Importation (SQI) Clearances and Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) Alternatives".

2.2. Compliance Monitoring

Reiterating Section 8 of DAO 2013-24, the EMB Regional Offices shall monitor compliance based on duly accomplished and submitted Self-Monitoring Report (SMR) per DAO No. 27, Series of 2003 (Amending DAO 26, DAO 29, and AO 2000-81) and shall integrate the regional monitoring report for management action.



2.3. Technical Support from the Central Office

Any issues arising involving the use of OPMS shall be resolved by the Policy, Planning, and Program Development Division-Statistics and Information System Management Section (PPPDD-SISMS) of the EMB Central Office.

SECTION 3. TIMELINE

The Statistics and Information System Management Section (SISMS) of the EMB Central Office shall update the OPMS accordingly within two weeks of approval of this Memorandum Circular.

SECTION 4. REPEALING CLAUSE

All other circulars and/or issuances inconsistent with this Memorandum Circular are hereby repealed and amended accordingly.

SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

If any section or provision of this Memorandum Circular declared to be unconstitutional or invalid by a competent court, the other sections or provisions hereof shall remain to be in force.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect upon updating of the OPMS and fifteen (15) working days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation and upon acknowledgment of receipt of a copy hereof by the Office of the National Administrative Register (ONAR).

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