



Republic of the Philippines

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. _____

REVISING THE MINIMUM ENERGY PERFORMANCE FOR PRODUCTS (MEPP) COVERED BY THE PHILIPPINE ENERGY LABELING PROGRAM (PELP) FOR COMPLIANCE OF IMPORTERS, MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS, DEALERS, AND RETAILERS OF ENERGY CONSUMING PRODUCTS

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act No. 7638, as amended or otherwise known as the “Department of Energy (DOE) Act of 1992” states that it is the policy of the State to ensure a continuous, adequate, reliable, and economic supply of energy through, among others, judicious conservation, renewal, and efficient utilization of energy, to keep pace with the country’s growth and economic development;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11285 otherwise known as the “Energy Efficiency and Conservation (EEC) Act” declares the policy direction of the government in terms of energy efficiency, conservation, sufficiency, and sustainability in the country;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the EEC Act, the DOE, in consultation with concerned government agencies and entities, local government units, commercial, industrial, and transport sectors and other relevant stakeholders, issued, adopted, and promulgated Department Circular No. (DC) DC2019-11-0014 or the EEC Act – Implementing Rules and Regulations (EEC-IRR);

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the EEC Act provides that the DOE shall be the lead agency in the implementation of the EEC Act with the responsibility for the planning, formulation, development, implementation, enforcement, and monitoring of energy management policies and other related EEC plans and programs;

WHEREAS, Rule XII. Energy Efficiency Rating and Labeling Requirements of EEC-IRR mandates the following:

Section 58. Energy Efficiency Rating and Labeling System

Section 59. Energy Efficiency Rating and Labeling for Products and Equipment

Section 61. Examination, Testing and Verification

WHEREAS, Rule XVII of the EEC-IRR enumerated the prohibited acts and enforcement methods, administrative and criminal liabilities;

WHEREAS, Section 8 of DC2020-06-0016 or the MEPP Guidelines provides for the review of the MEPP and MEPP-covered ECPs listed in Annex A. Table of MEPP as indicated in Section 9 of the MEPP Guidelines every three (3) years;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 8 of DC2020-06-0015 or the PELP Guidelines, as amended by DC2022-11-0035, the Technical Working Group reviewed the MEPP and

MEPP-covered ECPs, and said output was for revision and expansion is being endorsed by the Energy Utilization Management Bureau for approval of the DOE Secretary;

WHEREAS, conservation and efficient utilization of energy are among the major strategies of the Government to realize energy self-sufficiency and reduce environmental impacts of energy generation and utilization as instituted in the Philippine Energy Plan (PEP) and DC2023-05-0018 or the National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Program (NEECP);

WHEREAS, the DOE conducted public consultations attended by various stakeholders to present the draft Department Circular and to consolidate inputs from stakeholders in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao; and

WHEREAS, the mandatory implementation of the MEPP will lead to, among others, the empowerment of consumers in choosing energy efficient products at the point of sale, realization of energy savings and reduction of energy consumption/bills through the use of energy efficient products, elimination of inefficient ones in the market and reduction of greenhouse gas emission.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of all the foregoing premises and pursuant to its mandate under the EEC Act and EEC-IRR, the DOE hereby orders the following:

Section 1. Amendments to the MEPP Guidelines. The following provisions are hereby amended as follows:

1.1 Section 8 is hereby amended to read:

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The MEPP shall be reviewed by the members of the Technical Working Groups (TWG) of the PELP, pursuant to Section 10 of the PELP Guidelines, every three (3) years or sooner when warranted.

The output of the TWG on the MEPP shall be for approval of the EUMB: *Provided, That* any expansion of covered ECPs will be endorsed by EUMB for approval of the DOE Secretary.

The adjustment of MEPP shall always be directed towards an increase in energy efficiency or improvement in energy performance.

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1.2 Section 9 is hereby amended to read:

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For the effective implementation, MEPP-covered ECPs shall ensure compliance with the prescribed MEPP in Annex A. Table of MEPP: *Provided That*, imported ECPs shall comply with the MEPP of the country of origin whenever it is higher or more energy efficient than what is prescribed under this Department Circular.

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1.3 Section 11 is hereby amended to read:

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Upon the determination that any person or entity has committed any of the prohibited acts in Section 7 of this Department Circular, the DOE may issue an order for the imposition of the administrative fines and penalties in accordance with Annex B. Schedule of Penalties and Fines. The imposition of administrative fines and penalties is without prejudice to the institution of criminal liabilities for violations under the EEC Act, EEC-IRR, and this Department Circular.

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Section 2. Repealing Clause. The provisions of other circulars, orders, issuances, rules, and regulations, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Department Circular are hereby repealed, amended, modified, or superseded accordingly.

Section 3. Separability Clause. If for any reason, any section or provision of this Department Circular is declared unconstitutional or invalid, such parts not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Effectivity. This Department Circular shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation. Copies of this Department Circular shall be filed with the University of the Philippines Law Center - Office of the National Administrative Register.

Issued at Energy Center, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City.

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