



MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 20-01  
Series of 2020

To : **All Manufacturers, Importers, Traders, Distributors, Retailers of Household Appliances and Others Concerned**

Subject : **Supplemental Guidelines for the Implementation of DAO 18-03 Series of 2018**

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**WHEREAS**, DAO 18-03:2018 took effect on 25 August 2019 as prescribed by the Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 18-08:2018, the objective of which is to update the versions of the Philippine National Standards (PNS) for household and similar electrical appliances being implemented by the Bureau of Philippine Standards (BPS) under its Mandatory Product Certification Schemes and to enhance consumer protection by providing additional commonly used household appliances to be included in the BPS' List of Products under Mandatory Certification;

**WHEREAS**, as provided in the required markings (Clause 5.7) of DAO 18-03:2018, the required markings/labels shall be prescribed by the relevant PNS, DAO 04:2008/DAO 05:2008, and their future amendments, and Consumer Act of the Philippines (Republic Act No. 7394);

**WHEREAS**, some PNS declared mandatory under DAO 18-03:2018 requires the appliances to be marked and tested at 230V a.c., 60 Hz for the reason that this is the nominal supply voltage and frequency in the country;

**WHEREAS**, some stakeholders raised their concerns on the said marking requirement since products manufactured by foreign companies being supplied to different countries including the Philippines are usually affixed with generic marking for efficient manufacturing process;

**WHEREAS**, concerns were also raised relative to the transitory period provided under MC No. 18-08:2018 particularly the requirement for all products covered by DAO 18-03:2018 that shall be found in distribution in the market to be certified by BPS and affixed with the corresponding certification mark beginning 01 January 2020;

**WHEREAS**, considering the volume of appliances that are already released and distributed in the Philippine market prior to the implementation of DAO 18-03:2018 as declared to the BPS by the concerned importers and manufacturers through the submission of lists of remaining inventories, there is a need for BPS' further action on the proper disposition of these uncertified products;

**WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of the Department to review its technical regulations and balance the interests of the stakeholders without compromising the safety of the consumers;

**WHEREFORE**, foregoing premises considered, this Memorandum Circular is hereby issued for the guidance of all concerned;

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## **SECTION 1. Marking and Testing Requirements**

- 1.1 The appliances covered within the scope of DAO 18-03 Series of 2018 shall be marked with the rated voltage and frequency as follows:
  - 1.1.1 Rated voltage shall be 230V ~, 220-240V ~ or 100-240V~
  - 1.1.2 Rated frequency shall be 60Hz, or 50/60Hz
- 1.2 Regardless of the markings, the BPS recognized testing laboratory, as prescribed by Clause 5.6.2 of DAO 18-03:2018 shall conduct the test at 230V ~, 60Hz and shall comply with the requirements of the relevant standard/s.

## **SECTION 2. Transitory Provisions of DAO 18-03:2018**

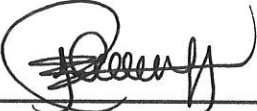
- 2.1 All products covered by DAO 18-03:2018 manufactured or imported prior to 25 August 2019 shall be allowed for continued distribution or selling until 31 December 2020. The covered products are as follows:
  - 2.1.1 Spin extractor
  - 2.1.2 Electric oven
  - 2.1.3 Turbo broiler
  - 2.1.4 Electric grill
  - 2.1.5 Induction cooker
  - 2.1.6 Electric pressure cooker
  - 2.1.7 Electric juicer
  - 2.1.8 Electric food mixer
  - 2.1.9 Electric food processor
  - 2.1.10 Electric kettle
  - 2.1.11 Slow cooker
  - 2.1.12 Multi-cooker
  - 2.1.13 Fully-automatic washing machine
  - 2.1.14 a.c./d.c. electric fan
  - 2.1.15 Television sets with display size above 114 cm (45 inches) up to 140 cm (55 inches)
  - 2.1.16 Refrigerator with storage capacity below 142 liters (5 cu.ft.) and above 227 liters (8 cu.ft.) up to 567 liters (20 cu.ft.)
  - 2.1.17 Non-inverter type air conditioner with cooling capacity above 36,000 kj/hr. up to 38,000 kj/hr.
  - 2.1.18 Inverter type air conditioner with cooling capacity up to 38,000 kj/hr.
- 2.2 To ensure strict compliance, market monitoring and enforcement shall be conducted beginning 01 January 2021. Only products bearing the Import Commodity Clearance (ICC) sticker or Philippine Standard (PS) Mark shall be allowed for distribution in the local market. All products not complying with this requirements shall be subject to the following:
  - 2.2.1 First Offense – Notice of Violation shall be issued but retailers/distributors shall only be advised to pull-out the items from the selling area.
  - 2.2.2 Second Offense onwards – Notice of Violation shall be issued subject to the regular adjudication process.

This Memorandum Circular shall be effective immediately after its publication in a national 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 3<sup>RD</sup> day of FEBRUARY in the year 2020.

Recommended by:



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