



**DRAFT DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

Series of \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE PRODUCT CERTIFICATION SCHEMES OF THE BUREAU OF PHILIPPINE STANDARDS (BPS)**

Pursuant to the provisions of R.A. No. 4109, R.A. No. 7394 and E.O. No. 913 Series of 1993, the following rules and regulations governing the BPS Product Certification Schemes are hereby prescribed and promulgated for the compliance, information and guidance of all concerned.

## **1. SCOPE**

This Department Administrative Order (DAO) amends the rules and regulations on BPS Product Certification Schemes prescribed under DAO 04:2008, DAO 05:2008, DAO 15-01:2015, its implementing guidelines and the particular standard's implementing guidelines

## **2. DEFINITION OF TERMS**

For purposes of this Order, the definitions stated in Departments Administrative Orders (DAO) 4:2008 and DAO 5:2008 shall apply.

## **3. MANDATORY STANDARDS**

3.1 For the protection of the consumers and the general public, the following are hereby declared:

- 3.1.1 Updating of the mandatory standards for BI/GI Pipes from PNS 26:1992 to **PNS 26:2003 – Steel-Black and hot-dipped zinc-coated (galvanized) longitudinally welded steel pipes (for ordinary uses)-Specifications.**
- 3.1.2 Re-inclusion of Flat Glass using **PNS 193:2012 – Flat Glass-Specifications** as reference standard in the list of products covered by mandatory product certification. The BPS Memorandum Circular No. 062:2005 shall be used as product sampling reference.

- 3.2 All manufacturers, distributors, importers and retailers of said products shall comply with the requirements of these standards.

#### **4. PRODUCT CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CEMENT PRODUCTS**

The following shall be applied in the certification of cement products:

- 4.1 The three (3) and seven (7) days minimum compressive strength requirements are mandatory both for Portland and Blended cement;
- 4.2 If the three (3) or seven (7) days compressive strength is already equal to or higher than the minimum twenty-eight (28) days compressive strength, then the product shall be declared compliant.
- 4.3 For traceability purposes, specific and unique production lot/batch numbers shall be indicated in all cement bags. The summary of the production lot/batch numbers shall be submitted to BPS or the DTI Regional/Provincial together with the ICC application.
- 4.4 Once the product testing showed compliance with the requirements of the standards, ICC certificate shall be issued. The unique production lot/batch numbers shall be indicated in the ICC certificate in lieu of the ICC stickers' serial numbers.
- 4.5 Since ICC stickers shall no longer be issued for cement products, all distributors, dealers or retailers are required to present copy of the ICC certificate to any authorized DTI monitoring or enforcement personnel for verification purposes.

#### **5. PRODUCT CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR STEEL PRODUCTS**

##### **5.1 Product Sampling**

- 5.1.1 For ICC applications, sampling shall be conducted on a per Bill of Lading basis in the Philippines. As such, sampling prior to shipment shall not be allowed.
- 5.1.2 For PS License holder/applicant, sampling shall be on a per production/heat basis. As such, all PS applicant/license holders are required to inform BPS or the DTI Regional/Provincial Office prior to the scheduled production to facilitate drawing of product samples.
- 5.1.3 Product samples shall be drawn within Bureau of Customs facilities, importer/manufacturer's warehouse or production line, whichever is applicable. Sampling size requirements for steel products shall be as follows:
- 5.1.1.1 Deformed steel bars – One (1) bar per 20 tons per diameter per grade
- 5.1.1.2 Rerolled steel bars – One (1) bar per 20 tons per size
- 5.1.1.3 Equal-leg angle bars – One (1) bar per 50 tons per type per size per thickness

## 5.2 Product Testing

All samples drawn shall be tested in accordance with the requirements and test methods prescribed by the Philippine National Standards or its equivalent.

## 5.3 Logo Approval

Prior to export of any steel products, all foreign manufacturers are required to submit a proposed logo for verification and approval by the BPS. The local importer shall facilitate the submission of the logo and shall be equally liable for the logo once approved by the BPS.

Non-submission or unapproved logo shall mean outright denial of the ICC application.

## 6 TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

6.1 For PS Scheme, this shall be applied to all new/surveillance/recertification audits on PS Applications/Licenses to be conducted after the effectivity of this Order.

6.2 For ICC Scheme, this shall be applied to all ICC applications received by the BPS on the date of effectivity of this Order regardless of the date of arrival of shipments.

## 7 IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES

The Bureau of Philippine Standards shall if necessary, promulgate the implementing guidelines consistent with this Order subject to the approval of the Undersecretary for Consumer Protection Group.

## 8 SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

Should any provisions of this Order or any part thereof be declared invalid, the other provisions, so far as they are separable from the invalid ones, shall remain in force and effect.

## 9 REPEALING CLAUSE

This repeals all provisions of DAO Nos. 4 and 5 series of 2008, DAO 15-01:2015 and all other Orders, Issuances that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Administrative Order.

## 10 EFFECTIVITY

This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a national newspaper of general circulation.

Done in the City of Makati this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year 2016.