

DEPARTMENT	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.	
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SUBJECT: THE TECHNICAL REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE MANDATORY PRODUCT CERTIFICATION OF MONOBLOC CHAIRS AND STOOLS

WHEREAS, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) is the primary coordinative, promotive, facilitative, and regulatory arm of government in the area of trade, industry, and investments:

WHEREAS, the DTI Bureau of Philippine Standards (BPS) [formerly known as Bureau of Product Standards] is mandated by Republic Act (RA) 4109 to perform standards development, certification, testing, policy formulation, and monitoring functions;

WHEREAS, the same mandate is reiterated in RA 7394 or the Consumer Act of the Philippines declared that it is the duty of the State to develop and provide safety and quality standards for consumer products, including performance or use-oriented standards, codes of practice and methods of tests;

WHEREAS, under Section 9, Article XVI of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall protect consumers from trade malpractices and from substandard or hazardous products." Thus, the continuous updating of all existing standards, policies and procedures regarding the mandatory implementation;

WHEREAS, EO 101, Series of 1967 empowers the BPS to promulgate, subject to the approval of the DTI Secretary, such rules and regulations for the marking of goods standardized by the BPS and for other purposes;

WHEREAS, EO 913, Series of 1983, vests with the DTI the adjudicatory powers such as to conduct arbitration, conciliation, mediation, formal investigation; imposition of administrative penalties; and issue cease-and-desist orders, seizures, preventive measures and other similar orders in case of violation of trade and industry laws including those relating to the BPS' Certification Schemes;

WHEREAS, to implement the above-cited laws and by virtue of the rule-making power of the DTI Secretary under Executive Order EO 292 or the Administrative Code of 1987, Department Administrative Order (DAO) No. 04, the Rules and Regulations Concerning the Philippine Standard (PS) Quality and/or Safety Certification Mark Scheme of the BPS, and DAO No. 05, entitled the New Rules and Regulations Concerning the Issuance of the Import Commodity Clearance Under the Product Certification Scheme of the BPS were issued in 2008:

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to RA 4109, RA 7394, Section 9, Article XVI of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, EO 101 series of 1967, EO 913 series of 1983, and EO 292 series of 1987, Sec 10 (4), Chapter 3, Title X, Book IV, the following technical regulation governing the BPS Mandatory Product Certification Schemes for monobloc chairs and stools is hereby prescribed and promulgated for the compliance, information and guidance of all concerned.

Rule 1. OBJECTIVE

This DAO aims to strictly ensure that the monobloc chairs and stools meet the specified quality requirements as prescribed by this Technical Regulation.

Rule 2. SCOPE

This Technical Regulation covers the mandatory certification of monobloc chairs and stools intended for indoor and outdoor use.

Rule 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS

For purposes of this Order, the following definitions shall apply:

- 3.1 **Audit** a systematic, independent and documented process for obtaining audit evidence, and evaluating it objectively to determine the extent to which the audit criteria are fulfilled. ¹
- 3.2 **Audit criteria** set of policies, procedures or requirements used as a reference against which audit evidence is compared. ²
- 3.3 **Attestation** issuance of a statement of conformity based on a decision following review of an audit report, that fulfillment of specified requirements has been demonstrated. ³
- 3.4 Accredited Conformity Assessment Body (CAB) inspection body, testing laboratory or certification body accredited under PNS ISO/IEC 17020, PNS ISO/IEC 17021, PNS ISO/IEC 17025 or PNS ISO/IEC 17065, respectively, in its relevant updated version/edition by the Philippine Accreditation Bureau (PAB) or by an accreditation body that is a signatory to regional/international agreements entered into by the Government of the Republic of the Philippines through DTI [(i.e. Asia-Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (APAC), International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC), International Accreditation Forum (IAF)]
- 3.5 **Base model –** one that represents a set of generic characteristics of a group of products such as but not limited to formulation but different colors.
- 3.6 **BPS** Bureau of Philippine Standards of the DTI.

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¹ PNS ISO 19011:2011

² *Ibid*.

³ PNS ISO/IEC 17000

- 3.7 BPS Recognized Conformity Assessment Body (CAB) – the CAB (inspection body, testing laboratory, or certification body) duly recognized by BPS to have the scope and competence to conduct activities relevant to the requirements set forth by BPS, to include but not limited to, CABs accredited by the PAB, CABs recognized by BPS under the Association of South East Asian Nations Mutual Recognition Arrangement (ASEAN MRA), Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) MRA and other regional and bilateral MRAs entered into by the Government of the Philippines through the DTI. BPS shall issue Recognition Certificate upon completion of all requirements for application for recognition.
- 3.8 Certification Body - third party conformity assessment body operating a certification scheme.
- 3.9 Certificate of Conditional Release – a document issued to an importer allowing the temporary release of goods from Custom's custody, upon compliance with the BOC and BPS requirements
- 3.10 Certificate of Exemption a document issued to importer of monobloc chairs and stools product that are not within the scope of PNS 1478-1:2018 and PNS 1478-2:2018 and its future ammendments.
- 3.11 Claim information declared by client. 4
- 3.12 Confirmation an action, declaration, document, or statement that corroborates, ratifies, verifies, gives formal approval, or assures the validity of something.5
- 3.13 **Conformity** fulfillment of a requirement.⁶
- 3.14 Conformity Assessment Body (CAB) a third party inspection body, testing laboratory and certification body operating within its scope of competence.
- 3.15 **DTI** Department of Trade and Industry.
- **Determination** include assessment activities such as testing, measuring, inspection, design appraisal, assessment of services, and auditing to provide information regarding the product requirements as input to the review and attestation functions.
- 3.17 **Evaluation** systematic examination of the extent to which a product, process, or service fulfills specified requirements. 7
- 3.18 Impact test test to assess the strength of the article under the rapid rates of loading that occasionally occur.8
- 3.19 International Standard a standard developed under the WTO principles for international standards development such as those developed by international

⁴ PNS ISO 17029

⁵ Webster's New World Law Dictionary

⁶ PNS ISO/IEC 17000

⁷ Ibid.

⁸ PNS ISO 1478

- bodies like the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and those developed by foreign standards bodies under these principles.
- 3.20 **Inspection** examination of a product, process, service, or installation or their design and determination of its conformity with specific requirements, or, on the basis of professional judgment, with general requirements.⁹ This includes inventory and sampling.
- 3.21 **Inspection body** a body that performs inspection. 10
- 3.22 PNS ISO 9000 Quality Management System Fundamentals and Vocabulary
- 3.23 PNS ISO 9001 Quality Management Systems Requirements
- 3.24 **PNS ISO/IEC 17020** Conformity assessment Requirements for the operation of various types of bodies performing inspection.
- 3.25 **PNS ISO/IEC 17021** Conformity assessment Requirements for bodies providing audits and certification of management systems.
- 3.26 **PNS ISO/IEC 17025** General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories.
- 3.27 **PNS ISO/IEC 17065** Conformity assessment Requirements for bodies certifying products, processes and services.
- 3.28 **PNS ISO 19011** Guidelines for auditing management systems.
- 3.29 Lot / Batch No. an identification number marked on the product or box or packaging of monobloc chairs and stools products. This is used to identify production batch/lot of the products for quality control and traceability purposes.
- 3.30 **PAB** Philippine Accreditation Bureau of the DTI.
- 3.31 **Philippine National Standards (PNS)** Standards promulgated by the BPS.
- 3.32 **PNS ISO 2859 1** shall be by manufacturers followed for sampling
- 3.33 **Product Certification** the provision of impartial third-party attestation that fulfillment of specified requirements have been demonstrated. 11
- 3.34 **PS License** authority given by BPS to a local/foreign manufacturer, authorizing the use of the PS Certification Mark on its product.
- 3.35 **Review** verification of the suitability, adequacy and effectiveness of selection and determination activities, and the results of these activities, with regard to fulfillment of specified requirements.¹²

¹⁰ PNS ISO/IEC 17020

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⁹ PNS ISO/IEC 17020

¹¹ PNS ISO/IEC 17065

¹² PNS ISO/IEC 17000

- 3.36 **Monobloc chairs and stools** chairs or stools made from one mould injected as one whole piece.¹³
- 3.37 **Sampling** a method of getting a representative sample of a product shipment according to a specified procedure.
- 3.38 Standard a document approved by a recognized body, that provides, for common and repeated use, rules, guidelines or characteristics for products or related processes and production methods, with which compliance is not mandatory.
- 3.39 **Static load test** test consisting of heavy loads being applied a few times to ensure that the furniture has sufficient strength to perform its function under the highest levels of loading that might reasonably be expected to occur.¹⁴
- 3.40 **Surveillance** a systematic iteration of conformity assessment activities as a basis for maintaining the validity of the statement of conformity.¹⁵
- 3.41 **Technical Regulation** a document which lays down product characteristics for their related processes and production methods, including the applicable administrative provisions, with which compliance is mandatory.
- 3.42 **Tensile test** also known as tension testing, is a fundamental materials science test in which a sample is subjected to a controlled tension until failure. 14
- 3.43 **Test Report** a document that presents test results and other information relevant to a test.
- 3.44 **Testing Laboratory** a laboratory which measures, examines, or determines the characteristics of performance of material or products. It may also be a laboratory that calibrates inspection, measuring and test equipment.
- 3.45 **Third Party** a body that is independent of the organization that provides the product/service and is not the user of the product/service (testing, inspection, and sampling). ¹³
- 3.46 **Trade name** any registered name or designation identifying or distinguishing an enterprise
- 3.47 **Verification** confirmation of a claim through the provision of objective evidence, that specified requirements have been fulfilled. ¹⁶ This may include product testing.
- 3.48 **Warehouse** secured premises built purposely for storage of products and to preserve the quality and integrity of the same.
- 3.49 **Weatherability test** exposure of material to laboratory conditions that accelerate the effect of natural weathering.¹⁴

¹⁴ PNS ISO 1478

¹³ PNS ISO 1478

¹⁵ PNS ISO/IEC 17000

¹⁶ PNS ISO/IEC 9000

Rule 4. THE PRODUCT CERTIFICATION SCHEME

The BPS shall implement two (2) product certification schemes:

- 4.1 The PS Quality Mark Licensing Scheme the PS Quality Mark Licensing Scheme (PS Licensing Scheme for brevity) shall be available to both local and foreign manufacturers selling or distributing monobloc chairs and/or stools in the Philippine market. The License to use the PS Certification Mark shall be granted to a company found to be compliant with the requirements. To ensure compliance of the certified products, regular surveillance activities as per existing DTI rules shall be conducted as follows, as may be applicable:
 - 4.1.1 Local companies holding a valid PS license;
 - 4.1.1.1 Annual system and product audit at the factory; and
 - 4.1.1.2 Random inspection/verification at the factory/warehouse/market and product testing (if necessary);
 - 4.1.2 Foreign companies holding a valid PS license;
 - 4.1.2.1 Annual system and product audit at the factory; and
 - 4.1.2.2 Regular inspection/verification per shipment and product testing (if necessary);

4.2 The Statement of Confirmation (SOC) / Import Commodity Clearance (ICC) Mark Scheme

- 4.2.1 Processing of applications under this scheme replaces the ICC Mark Scheme under DAO 05:2008, subject to the requirements and transitory provision stated herein.
- 4.2.2 The applicant shall submit the duly accomplished and subscribed application form and requirements to the BPS or to the nearest DTI RO/PO.
- 4.2.3 Upon receipt of the application and complete requirements, a Certificate of Conditional Release shall be issued, subject to the conditions stated therein.
- 4.2.4 Product inspection and drawing of samples shall be conducted by the BPS, DTI RO/PO or the BPS-recognized inspection body at the declared warehouse in accordance with the applicable provisions hereof. The original inspection report shall be sent directly to the BPS by the BPS-recognized inspection body within two (2) working days from the date of inspection.
- 4.2.5 If inspection shows that the product shipped is consistent with the importation documents, the issuance of ICC shall be recommended

- subject to the satisfactory result of testing. Otherwise, a Show Cause Order shall be issued and the provisions hereto shall apply.
- 4.2.6 The drawn samples shall be submitted by the applicant to the BPS-recognized testing laboratory within twenty-four (24) working hours from the date of inspection and sampling for the conduct of testing.
- 4.2.7 If the result of the test shows conformance, the ICC shall be issued by the BPS Bureau Director or his duly BPS Recognized representative. Otherwise, the provisions under Rule 9 shall apply.

Rule 5. DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PRODUCT CERTIFICATION SCHEME

5.1 Philippine Standard (PS) Licensing Scheme

Application for PS Licensing Scheme shall be supported by the following:

- 5.1.1 Duly accomplished application form, subscribed and sworn to by the applicant, or his duly authorized management representative. In case of an overseas applicant, the application form shall be duly authenticated by the Philippine Consulate in the country where the manufacturing plant to be audited is located. The requirement of authentication may be waived subject to reciprocity arrangements between the Philippines and the exporting country;
- 5.1.2 For a sole proprietorship: Business Name Certificate of Registration and permit issued by the local government unit having jurisdiction over it; or

For a corporation or partnership: SEC Certificate of Registration and Articles of Incorporation/Partnership and By-Laws, submitted once, unless an amendment has been made:

In case of an overseas applicant, the local branch or representative office/agency shall also provide the equivalent foreign document stated herein, whichever is applicable;

- 5.1.3 Quality Management System (QMS) Manual covering the product being applied for PS License, including the product/s' production process;
- 5.1.4 Brief description of manufacturing process;
- 5.1.5 Reference no. of the Product Identification File to include process flow, materials, process control and drawing among others;
- 5.1.6 Listing of measuring and testing equipment with nominal capacities and serial numbers at each inspection point and final product testing together with the evidence of ownership;
- 5.1.7 Brief description of equipment maintenance and calibration certificates;

- 5.1.8 Copies of labels, markings, and logos etc. as per requirements of specific standard:
- 5.1.9 Description of the supply chain distribution if new business, identify the target market. If foreign company, identify the Philippine principal and describe the organizational relationships of the applicant/license holder and Philippine principal;
- 5.1.10 Vicinity map of the factory;
- 5.1.11 Oath of undertaking to abide by the Terms and Conditions of the License, respectively signed by the manufacturer/local office or agent; and
- 5.1.1 Latest Income Tax Return or latest audited financial statement, and certification of an accountant on the net worth of the business, submitted once unless an amendment has been made within the current year;

5.2 Statement of Confirmation (SOC) / Import Commodity Clearance (ICC) Scheme

To ensure that the imported monobloc chairs and stools are sourced from a PS Licensed manufacturer and consistently conform to the requirements of the Standards, the importer shall apply for Statement of Confirmation (SOC) on a per product, per Bill of Lading basis. The duly accomplished and subscribed application form shall be supported by the following:

5.2.1 For sole proprietorship registered with DTI, the application shall be accomplished and signed by the owner and filed by the owner or by a duly authorized representative by virtue of a notarized Special Power of Attorney (SPA); or

For Corporation/Partnership registered with SEC, the application shall be accomplished and signed, and filed by any officer or organic employee, duly authorized by virtue of a notarized board/partnership resolution or Secretary's Certificate;

- 5.2.2 Packing List;
- 5.2.3 Commercial Invoice;
- 5.2.4 Bill of Lading;
- 5.2.5 In-plant Test Report for the shipped production lot/batch, if necessary
- 5.2.6 Summary of the production lot/batch no. and the corresponding manufacturing dates duly certified by the manufacturer's Quality Management Representative or Quality Manager;
- 5.2.7 Production records reflecting the shipped production batch/lot verifiable during surveillance audits duly certified by the manufacturer's Quality Management Representative or Quality Manager;

- 5.2.8 DTI Certificate of Business Name Registration for sole proprietorship or Updated SEC Certificate of Registration and Articles of Incorporation/Partnership for corporation/partnership;
- 5.2.10 Latest Audited Financial Statement (AFS) or any other valid financial report/certificate;
- 5.2.11 Proof of ownership or contract of lease of warehouse;
- 5.2.12 Import Entry (may be submitted later prior to release of the certificate);
- 5.2.13 Surety Bond;
- 5.2.14 Copy of PS License for SOC applications
- 5.2.14 Valid Test Report;
- 5.2.15 Importer's Certificate of Accreditation / Certificate of Registration;
- 5.2.16 Proof of billing for Office and Warehouse Address.

Rule 6. FILING/PROCESSING OF APPLICATION/PROCEDURE PRODUCT CERTIFICATION SCHEME

6.1 PS License Application Process

- 6.1.1 Processing of applications under this scheme replaces the PS Scheme under DAO 04:2008, subject to the requirements and transitory provision stated herein.
- 6.1.2 Each PS License application shall be factory, plant or site-specific and importer, local office or agent-specific. For foreign manufacturers PS License application shall be filed by importer, local office or agent.
- 6.1.3 Conduct of Factory and Product Audit
- 6.1.4 Upon submission and confirmation of the completeness and compliance of the documentary requirements, an assessment of the Quality Management System's conformity to PNS ISO 9001 and product specifications' conformity to specific applicable version of PNS shall be conducted;
- 6.1.5 Audit shall be undertaken by either the BPS, DTI Regional/Provincial Office (RO/PO), or BPS-recognized auditing bodies based on established audit procedure. Only recognized auditing bodies in the BPS official list may be BPS Recognized as auditors; and
- 6.1.6 During the audit, samples shall be drawn for all types/sizes of the product being applied for certification for the purpose of in-plant and independent testing. Independent testing shall be conducted only by BPS-recognized testing laboratory.

- 6.1.7 If there are non-conformities raised during the audit, the auditors shall inform the company and require them to undertake the corrective actions. The auditors shall accomplish the non-conformity report for the non-conformities observed which shall be acknowledged by the company's authorized representative.
- 6.1.8 The company shall implement and complete the corrective actions within ninety (90) days for initial audit and thirty (30) days for surveillance audit. If the company fails to implement the corrective actions within the specified period, PS License or application shall be suspended or denied, respectively.
- 6.1.9 If the applicant is a foreign-based manufacturer, the application shall, for purposes of accountability, be made and filed by its local branch or representative office or representative agency who must be duly registered in accordance with Philippine laws;
- 6.1.10 The PS License shall only be issued upon satisfactory evaluation of the factory audit and determination of product conformance to specific PNS and updated version of the product thereof based on pertinent test reports;
- 6.1.11 If the evaluation of the factory audit report showed unsatisfactory results, the PS License shall not be issued. Only after the re-assessment and subsequent product compliance shall the BPS issue the PS License;
- 6.1.12 The PS License shall be effective from the date of issuance and with full force and effect for a period of three (3) years, subject to the surveillance audits prescribed herein. PS License can be suspended, withdrawn, or cancelled at any time for cause and after due process;
- 6.1.13 For renewals, the PS License holder must, through written notice, coordinate with BPS or the DTI RO/PO for a schedule of the recertification audit at least six (6) months before the expiration date. Otherwise, the PS License shall be considered expired immediately after the end period of its validity.
- 6.1.14 In case of changes materially affecting the PS License and/or license holder's ability to comply with BPS product certification requirements, the license holder shall inform BPS in writing at least fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the date the changes will take effect. The notice must include a request for audit.
 - 6.1.14.1 Changes may include, but shall not be limited to, change in management or business name; transfer of plant site; modification of product design and/or specifications.

6.2 SOC/ICC Application Process

6.2.1 Processing of applications under this scheme replaces the ICC Scheme under DAO 05:2008 for imported monobloc chairs and stools, subject to the requirements and transitory provision stated herein.

- 6.2.2 The applicant shall submit the duly accomplished and subscribed application form and requirements to the BPS or to the nearest DTI RO/PO.
- 6.2.3 Upon receipt of the application and complete requirements, a Certificate of Conditional Release shall be issued, subject to the conditions stated therein. Upon arrival of shipment at the port of entry, the following shall apply:
 - 6.2.3.1 The importer shall notify in writing the BPS/DTI regional/provincial office that the shipment has been transferred and/or is ready for inspection. The shipment shall be transferred only to the warehouse address indicated in the application and shall not be used or offered for sale/retail.
 - 6.2.3.2 Product inspection and drawing of samples (samples may be drawn for ICC applications and inspection only for SOC applications) shall be conducted within sixteen (16) working hours from receipt of the notice at the importer's warehouse.
 - 6.2.3.3 If inspection shows that the product shipped is consistent with the importation documents (e.g. quantity, markings, license number), ICC/SOC shall be issued. Otherwise, a Show Cause Order shall be issued and the provisions under Rule 13 of this Order shall apply.

Rule 7. MARKING REQUIREMENTS

For traceability and verification purposes, the required markings for manufactured or imported monobloc chairs and/or stools shall be legible at all times for verification by the BPS and DTI RO/PO, and their authorized representatives at the manufacturer's/importer's warehouse or traders'/distributors'/ retailers' warehouse, if applicable.

The following markings shall be legibly marked (e.g. embossed, laser print, etc.) on the monobloc chairs and stools:

- 7.1 Name and address of manufacturer, distributor or importer;
- 7.2 Registered trade name or brand name
- 7.3 Capacity in kg:
- 7.4 "For indoor use" or "For outdoor use", whichever is applicable;
- 7.5 Additional marking on proper handling and usage; and
- 7.6 The words "made in the Philippines" or "Country of origin" if imported
- 7.7 PS mark with license number (for PS license holders)
- 7.8 Batch / lot no. / production date shall be marked on the product or box/packaging for quality control and traceability purposes.

In the absence of any of the required markings or submission of incomplete markings, the application for PS License, ICC or SOC shall not be processed until such time that the required markings are submitted or corrected.

Rule 8. AUDIT, INSPECTION AND SAMPLING

- 8.1 Audit, inspection and sampling shall be conducted by the BPS, DTI RO/PO or the BPS-recognized Auditing/Inspection Body within the prescribed time and in accordance with existing BPS Inspection and Sampling Procedure.
- 8.2 If audit, inspection and sampling cannot be conducted within the prescribed period, the concerned DTI RO/PO or the BPS-recognized Inspection Body shall inform the BPS in writing of the reason/s thereof within sixteen (16) working hours upon receipt of the notice to conduct inspection. Under justifiable reasons, inspection and sampling may be re-scheduled, otherwise, appropriate action shall be undertaken.

8.3 Sampling Procedure

- 8.3.1 For PS initial and surveillance audits, three (3) pieces of monobloc chairs and/or stools per brand per type/base model shall be randomly drawn from the manufacturer's production line or warehouse. The first sample shall be tested in-plant. The second sample shall be sent to the BPS-recognized testing laboratory for independent testing upon satisfactory result of the in-plant test. The remaining sample shall be kept by the manufacturer as reserved samples.
- 8.3.2 For ICC application, two (2) pieces of monobloc chairs and/or stools per brand per type/base model shall be randomly drawn from the shipment at the importer's warehouse. The first sample shall be sent to the BPS-recognized testing laboratory for testing. The remaining sample shall be kept by the importer as reserved sample.
- 8.3.3 The BPS, DTI RO/PO, BPS-recognized auditing/inspection body the PS applicant/license holder, and ICC applicant's authorized representative shall ensure that the drawn samples shall be traceable to the particular lot/batch where they were drawn.
- 8.3.4 Test samples drawn shall be packed/sealed and signed in the presence of authorized representatives from BPS, DTI RO/PO or BPS-recognized auditing/inspection body who shall ensure that the Request for Test form is properly filled-up and signed by the manufacturer or importer. The auditor/inspector and the manufacturer/importer shall ensure that the samples are traceable to the particular lot/batch where it was drawn.
- 8.3.5 The auditor or the inspector shall ensure that the request for test form together with the drawn sample is directly submitted to the BPS-recognized testing laboratory within 24 (twenty-four) working hours from the date of audit/inspection and furnish BPS with a copy thereof within within 24 (twenty-four) working hours from submission. For foreign-based PS License Holders/Applicants, the auditor or inspector shall ensure that the sample drawn shall be shipped to the BPS-recognized testing laboratory within within 24 (twenty four) working hours from the date of audit or inspection.
- 8.3.6 The BPS-recognized testing laboratory shall document properly the receipt of the product sample to include but not limited to taking

photographs of the following:

- 8.3.6.1 Request for Test;
- 8.3.6.2 Box/Packaging of the sample as submitted and received.

Rule 9. PRODUCT TESTING

9.1 Full product testing shall be conducted by a BPS-recognized testing laboratory as follows:

Summary of test for indoor use:

- 9.1.1 Seat static load
- 9.1.2 Back static load Balancing load
- 9.1.3 Arm sideways static load Wing sideways static load
- 9.1.4 Seat fatigue test
- 9.1.5 Back fatigue test combined Balancing load
- 9.1.6 Leg forward static load Balancing seat load
- 9.1.7 Leg sideways static load Balancing seat load
- 9.1.8 Diagonal base load
- 9.1.9 Seat impact test
- 9.1.10 Back impact test
- 9.1.11 Arm impact test
- 9.1.12 Drop test

Summary of test for outdoor use:

- 9.1.13 Weatherability test
 - 9.1.13.1 Tensile test
 - 9.1.13.2 Static load
 - 9.1.13.3 Impact test
 - 9.1.13.4 Rear-leg test
- 9.1.14. Stability test
- 9.2 To verify conformance to the aforementioned testing requirements, the general test requirement, test environment and apparatus, and test methods prescribed by PNS 1478-1:2018 Furniture Monobloc chairs and stools Specification for indoor use and PNS 1478-2:2018 Furniture Monobloc chairs and stools Specification for outdoor use shall be used. Considering the regular updating of standards, the latest edition of the PNS shall be used as reference. It is understood that future amendments of the PNS used in this Order shall be effective one (1) year after its promulgation to provide ample time to all stakeholders to adjust and conform to the new requirements, if any
- 9.3 For initial and surveillance audits, sample drawn shall be tested in-plant. The manufacturer shall have testing capability to conduct the following minimum testing requirements of monobloc chairs and stools:

- 9.3.1 Static load
- 9.3.2 Impact test
- 9.3.3 Drop test (for indoor)
- 9.3.4. Weatherability test (for outdoor)
- 9.3.5 Stability test

Only after the result of in-plant tests showed conformance to the requirements of the applicable standards shall the auditor prepare the Request for Test of the drawn two (2) sets of sample for independent testing of a BPS-recognized testing laboratory.

- 9.4 The first set of sample shall be tested by the BPS-recognized testing laboratory while the second set shall be kept by the testing laboratory for re-testing or future reference.
- 9.5 Tested sample shall be retrieved by the manufacturer/importer upon receipt of notice of retrieval from the testing laboratory. Otherwise, the tested sample upon notice shall be disposed of accordingly.
- 9.6 The manufacturer/importer shall have fifteen (15) days from the receipt of the notice of disposal of test samples to arrange for the pick up of sample from the concerned testing laboratory. After said period, the testing laboratory shall, with due notice to BPS and the manufacturer/importer, dispose the sample in a manner deemed appropriate in accordance with existing accounting and auditing rules.
- 9.7 Unused sample shall be retrieved by the manufacturer/importer within fifteen (15) calendar days from receipt of notice of retrieval from the testing laboratory, copy BPS. Otherwise, they shall upon notice be disposed of in accordance with existing and applicable rules.
- 9.8 The original test reports shall be sent directly to the BPS by the BPS-recognized testing laboratory together with the pictures of sample as received, photographs of sample showing the required markings, and copy of the Request for Test.

The BPS reserves the right to be present at any point of the certification process.

Rule 10. EVALUATION OF RESULTS

Results of test shall be evaluated to determine conformance of the product to the relevant standard in accordance with the following:

- 10.1 Results under the PS Licensing Scheme
 - 10.1.1 For initial audit, if the test results show conformance, the PS License shall be issued. Otherwise, the applicant shall be advised accordingly and PS License shall not be issued. Only after re-assessment and subsequent product conformance shall BPS issue the PS License.
 - 10.1.2 For surveillance audit, if the test results show conformance, the PS License shall be continued or renewed. Otherwise, re-testing shall be

conducted.

If result of a re-testing shows non-conformance, the PS License shall be suspended immediately upon written notice. The non-conforming lot/batch shall be destroyed or reprocessed, at the option of the manufacturer, under the supervision of the BPS. Only after re-assessment and subsequent product conformance shall the BPS allow the continued use or renewal of the PS License.

10.2 Results under Statement of Confirmation

- 10.2.1 If the result of testing showed conformance, the applicant shall be notified by BPS accordingly. Otherwise, full product testing shall be conducted on the second set of samples at the expense of the applicant.
- 10.2.2 If the result of re-testing showed conformance, the shipment/batch will be declared as conforming and the company shall be notified by BPS accordingly. Otherwise, the PS License shall be suspended immediately upon written notice. The SOC application shall be denied and the non-conforming shipment/batch shall be destroyed or exported to the Country of Origin, at the option of the manufacturer, under the supervision of the BPS. Only after re-assessment and subsequent product conformance shall the BPS allow the continued use or renewal of the PS License.
- 10.3 If the application is denied, BPS shall inform the manufacturer and importer of such denial. If the applicant fails to communicate with BPS within the period stated in the notice, a Show Cause Order shall be issued.
- 10.4 Processing of succeeding applications filed by the importer of monobloc chairs and/or stools covered by the same PS License number against whom a Show Cause Order or Formal Charge was issued by BPS shall be suspended until such issue/s is resolved. The BPS reserves the right to suspend all PS licenses issued to a manufacturer, blacklist importer and all guilty parties after due process, if the nature of violation/s so warrant.

Rule 11. DISPOSAL OF SAMPLES

- 11.1 Tested samples which complied with the requirements of the standard as well as the unused samples shall be retrieved by the manufacturer/importer within fifteen (15) calendar days from receipt of notice of retrieval from the concerned testing laboratory, copy BPS. If the importer/manufacturer fails to claim the sample after the said period, the testing laboratory shall, with due notice to BPS and the manufacturer/importer, dispose the sample in a manner deemed appropriate in accordance with existing accounting and auditing rules.
- 11.2 Samples which fail to comply with the specified requirements shall be stored for at least six (6) months in the laboratory to ensure their availability in the event the importer/manufacturer contests the result of the test including those subject of litigation.

Rule 12. RECOGNITION OF CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT BODY

Only recognized Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) shall be allowed to participate in this mandatory product certification scheme.

- 12.1 Any CAB that intends to be recognized shall accomplish the BPS Recognition Application Form together with the following:
 - 12.1.1 Certificate of Accreditation from an Accreditation Body signatory to the ILAC/APAC, to include the Scope of Accreditation;
 - 12.1.2 Certified True Copy of the Articles of Incorporation. For foreign CAB, all incorporation documents shall be authenticated by the Philippine Consulate Office. The authentication requirement may be waived subject to reciprocity agreement;
 - 12.1.3 List of authorized signatories indicating their company position and the corresponding specimen signature;
 - 12.1.4 An undertaking to abide by the terms and conditions of the recognition.
- 12.2 For foreign CABs, the application shall be submitted by the local office/representative agency to ensure accountability. Applications of foreign CABs with no local office/representative agency shall be denied.
- 12.3 The requirement on local office/representative agency may be waived subject to the provisions of any MRA entered into by the Philippine Government through the Department of Trade and Industry.
- 12.4 The BPS may, at any time, conduct full verification of the competence of the CAB to perform the conformity assessment activities under the BPS Product Certification Schemes.

Rule 13. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The PS License holders and importers shall abide by the following terms and conditions:

- 13.1 Consistently abide by R.A. No. 4109, E.O. No. 133: 1987, E.O. No. 913: 1983 and R.A. No. 7394 and their implementing rules and regulations, and orders which the BPS issues in pursuance with its authority under the law.
- 13.2 Ensure that the certified product conforms at all times to a specific standard as amended/updated and its implementing rules and regulations.
- 13.3 Warrant that it has the authority to use the brand name, trade name and trademarks indicated in the application form.
- 13.4 Be held liable for any damages that its product might cause to their consumers.
- 13.5 The Product Certification Mark shall not be affixed on any products not covered by the license or certificate issued by BPS.

- 13.6 Establish and maintain systems of product recall and of addressing complaints filed by its clients or customers concerning its certified products, and shall maintain records thereof.
- 13.7 Give duly-authorized representatives of the BPS or DTI Regional/Provincial Offices or, in the case of foreign companies, by BPS or BPS-recognized CABs, full access to the premises where the certified product is manufactured/assembled/stored; to relevant equipment, records, personnel and subcontractors for purposes of investigating complaints or evaluating consistency of compliance with the requirements of this technical regulation;
- 13.8 Maintain a record of all complaints made known to it, relating to compliance with certification requirements and make these records available to the certification body when requested; take appropriate action with respect to such complaints and any deficiencies found affecting such product's conformance to the requirements for certification; and, document the action taken, subject to verification by the certification body.
- 13.9 Submit itself to surveillance activities to ensure consistent compliance with the BPS requirements of the Product Certification Scheme.
- 13.10 In case of subcontracts, shall assume full responsibility for its sub-assemblies', semi-finished and finished products' conformance to the specific requirements.
- 13.11 Inform BPS of any changes that will materially affect its PS License and its ability to comply with BPS product certification requirements at least fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the date the change will be made, such as, but not limited to change in management, business name, addition of brand name, modification of product's designs and specifications and/or transfer of plant site.
 - 13.11.1 If the change involves addition of brand name and modification in the product's design or specifications, BPS shall facilitate the conduct of appropriate product certification activity;
 - 13.11.2 In case of transfer of plant site, BPS, DTI RO/PO, or BPS-recognized auditing bodies shall conduct factory and product audit at the new site.
- 13.12 Pay the applicable fees and other charges as billed or stipulated by BPS, its duly recognized inspection and/or certification bodies.
- 13.13 Any incorrect references to the certification scheme; misleading use of PS licenses, Statement of Confirmation, marks or any other mechanisms indicating that a product is certified found in documentation or publicity materials or any breach hereof, shall be a ground for the issuance of Show Cause Order.
- 13.4 Traders or retailers in possession of covered products whose PS Licenses have expired or have been suspended, recalled, withdrawn, revoked or cancelled shall be notified in writing of such suspension, recall, withdrawal, revocation or cancellation.
- 13.5 Upon suspension, recall, withdrawal, cancellation or revocation of the PS License, the holder shall discontinue the manufacture and/or use of covered

products including advertising materials relevant thereto and shall take action as may be required by the BPS.

13.6 The PS License and Statement of Confirmation are non-transferable.

Any infractions of the foregoing shall be a ground for the suspension, withdrawal or cancellation of the license and/or certificate.

Rule 14. REQUIREMENTS IN CASE OF NON-CONFORMANCE

For covered products that do not conform to the requirements of BPS rules and regulations/guidelines, the following provisions, on a per shipment basis, shall apply:

- 14.1 A SHOW CAUSE ORDER shall be issued by BPS or DTI-RO/PO giving the PS License holder or the importer opportunity to explain why its surety bond shall not be forfeited in favor of DTI and/or why a formal charge shall not be filed. This may include a CEASE AND DESIST ORDER addressed to the owner/manager of the individual or company concerned, to refrain from supplying, distributing, selling or displaying for sale the products subject thereof until such time that the Show Cause Order is lifted.
- 14.2 If the explanation to the Show Cause Order is not acceptable, the BPS or DTI-RO/PO shall direct the manufacturer and/or importer concerned to submit a sworn affidavit undertaking to do the following as directed whichever is applicable:
 - 14.2.1 Permanently cease and desist from supplying, distributing, selling or displaying for sale the non-conforming products subject thereof;
 - 14.2.2 Effect a full product recall to account such products that are already in circulation through publication in a newspaper of national circulation, giving the public a period of thirty (30) calendar from publication within which to return subject products. The product recall shall specify the basis or ground therefor. The manufacturer/importer/distributor shall keep BPS informed in writing on the progress of the recall. Such publication shall include a NOTICE warning the public that the product subject thereof is not compliant with the safety and/or quality requirement; and
 - 14.2.3 Recognize BPS authority to forfeit the Surety Bond in such amount as prescribed herein.

Rule 15. PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR PRODUCT RECALL

After the product is declared by the BPS to be non-conforming, the BPS shall immediately notify the manufacturer and importer. The manufacturer and/or importer shall within fifteen (15) calendar days from receipt of notice implement product recall in accordance with the following:

15.1 The recall order shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation for at least two (2) consecutive Saturdays/Sundays;

- 15.2 The layout, content, font and size of the recall order shall be prescribed by the BPS;
- 15.3 The recall period shall be for a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days from date of the second publication;
- 15.4 Proof of publication of the recall orders shall be submitted to the BPS or the DTI Regional/Provincial Office;
- 15.5 Inventory of the recalled products shall be submitted to BPS or DTI Regional/Provincial Office;
- 15.6 Recalled products shall be condemned, destroyed, or otherwise disposed of in accordance with applicable rules on disposal issued by the DTI, Department of Budget and Management and Commission on Audit.
- 15.7 The manufacturer and/or importer shall compensate parties availing of the recall order.

Rule 16. FEES, CHARGES, BOND REQUIREMENT AND OTHER EXPENSES

- 16.1 All corresponding fees, charges, costs, and other related expenses shall be for the account of manufacturer/importer.
- 16.2 Fees and charges to be paid by the applicant in accordance with Annex A shall be as follows:
 - 16.2.1 Application Fee;
 - 16.2.2 Quality Manual Review;
 - 16.2.3 Audit/inspection fees;
 - 16.2.4 Transportation/travelling expenses, and board and lodging costs of auditor/s and inspector/s during audit/inspection, subject to existing rules and regulations or third-party provision;
 - 16.2.5 Processing Fee of Statement of Confirmation on imported products (non-refundable, payable upon filing of the application on per product, per shipment, per Bill of Lading/Airway Bill basis, assessed by the BPS based on the amount declared in the Invoice);
 - 16.2.6 PS License fee for manufactured products;
- 16.3 For imported monobloc chairs and/or stools, a Surety Bond amounting to One Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (PhP 150,000.00) or 10% of the import value which ever is higher shall be posted on a per shipment, per Bill of Lading/Airway Bill basis.
- 16.4 Any violation of the terms and conditions of the Product Certification Scheme shall, upon notice, result in the *motu proprio* forfeiture of the bond based on the degree of non-conformity or non-compliance stated herein.

Rule 17. SHOW CAUSE ORDER AND BOND FORFEITURE

- 17.1 A Show Cause Order (SCO) shall be issued against a manufacturer or importer who fails to comply with legal and technical requirements or whose product/s failed to conform to such requirements, unless the manufacturer or importer can justify under oath that the non-conformity is correctible and/or the non-compliance is negligible.
- 17.2 A Cease and Desist Order may be issued simultaneously with the SCO directing the manufacturer and/or importer to refrain from selling, distributing or disposing the products in any manner.
- 17.3 Pending resolution of the SCO involving a particular shipment, applications filed after the issuance of the SCO by the same importer may be processed, provided, a sworn undertaking to abide by the decision on said SCO shall be submitted prior to the issuance of the necessary Certificate/License for succeeding application/s.

Rule 18. SUSPENSION, WITHDRAWAL, AND CANCELLATION OF PS LICENSE

- 18.1 A duly issued PS License shall be suspended, recalled, withdrawn, cancelled or revoked based on any of the following grounds:
 - 18.1.1 That the product bearing the PS Mark failed to conform to the requirements of a specific PNS as amended/updated;
 - 18.1.2 That licensee failed to comply with monitoring, surveillance or enforcement notices/directives/orders:
 - 18.1.3 That the licensee failed to comply with the terms and conditions of the license:
 - 18.1.4 That the licensee made false statements or alterations in connection with its application for or re-certification of the license;
 - 18.1.5 That the licensee violated any of the provisions of this Order;
 - 18.1.6 That an Order of Execution vis-a-vis a decision finding the licensee liable for violation of a trade and industry law/s or rules and regulations directing BPS to suspend/cancel or revoke the PS License issued in favor of said licensee;
- 18.2 The license shall be suspended, recalled, withdrawn, cancelled or revoked after the BPS Director has served the license a notice of his intention to do so, stating therein the grounds for the contemplated action, granting the licensee the opportunity to be heard within fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of notice.

- 18.3 If there is a final finding that a product does not conform to the specified technical requirements, the license shall, upon mere notice be immediately suspended, withdrawn, recalled, cancelled or revoked.
- 18.4 Notwithstanding the preceding provisions, the BPS Director may direct that a Formal Charge be filed against the party concerned pursuant to E.O. 913 Series of 1983, DAO No. 7, Series of 2006 and DAO No. 2, Series of 2007.
- 18.5 In cases of suspended, withdrawn or cancelled PS License, the manufacturer shall not be allowed to manufacture or produce in any manner the products covered by the particular PS License. The suspension, withdrawal or cancellation shall take effect immediately upon receipt of the notice until the suspension is lifted or the withdrawn/cancelled PS License is reinstated.

Rule 19. COMPLAINTS/APPEAL HANDLING PROCESS

- 19.1 BPS shall implement a system of handling complaints/appeals related to the product certification process.
- 19.2 Remedies for the action or decision of a BPS personnel/chief/director relative to an Application for PS License shall be the following:
 - 19.2.1 In case of denial of the PS License application, the applicant may file a motion for reconsideration with the BPS Director within ten (10) working days from receipt of the letter of denial. No second motion for reconsideration shall be allowed:
 - 19.2.2 In case of suspension, recall, withdrawal, cancellation or revocation of the PS License, a motion for reconsideration may be filed with the BPS Director by the applicant within ten (10) working days from receipt of the notice. No second motion for reconsideration shall be allowed.
- 19.3 In case the motion for reconsideration is denied, an appeal may be filed with the DTI Secretary within fifteen (15) calendar days from receipt of denial of the motion for consideration. The appeal shall be based solely on grounds of grave abuse of discretion amounting to lack or excess of jurisdiction committed by the official who rendered the decision.
- 19.4 The filing of a Motion for Reconsideration shall suspend the period to file an appeal.

Rule 20. PROHIBITED ACTS

The following acts are hereby declared prohibited, in addition to those listed in DAO No. 2, Series of 2007 and its future amendments, viz:

- 20.1 Use of the Product Certification Mark in any misleading manner;
- 20.2 Manufacture or production of covered products after the license is suspended, withdrawn or cancelled;

- 20.3 Sale, offer for sale using over the counter or on-line mode or any form of advertisement of any monobloc chairs and stools products not complying with the particular technical regulation or corresponding standards;
- 20.4 Non-compliance, neglect or resistance to effect the product recall as directed by BPS:
- 20.5 Misrepresentations, misleading or unauthorized statements and/or claims made in the application, letters/replies/forms in relation to product certification. Such include unauthorized reproduction of product certification documents, or any part thereof:
- 20.6 Non-compliance or failure to comply with the provisions hereof.

Rule 21. PENALTIES OR SANCTIONS

The following shall be imposed upon any manufacturer, importer, foreign testing laboratory/ facility, or any other person or entity found in violation of any provision hereof after due process, as may be appropriate:

- 21.1 Administrative fine as per existing DTI Rules and Regulations/Department Administrative Orders and E.O. 913.
- 21.2 Cancellation or revocation of PS License pursuant to a final and executory decision rendered by an administrative agency or the regular courts.
- 21.3 Watch-listing and/or blacklisting of importers/manufacturers.
- 21.4 In any case of failure in product testing for post shipment verification or surveillance:
 - 21.4.1 The manufacturer or importer concerned shall, in addition to the penalties provided herein including but not limited to product recall and/or forfeiture of surety bond, lose the option for pre-shipment testing in all subsequent que or importation which henceforth shall undergo post shipment testing by accredited Philippine testing facilities;
 - 21.4.2 The foreign testing laboratory or facility concerned shall lose the recognition by BPS to conduct pre-shipment testing.
- 21.5 Any other sanctions or penalties as provided under existing DTI rules and regulations.

Rule 22. ISSUANCE OF GUIDELINES/PROCEDURES

BPS may issue such procedural guidelines as may be necessary in the implementation of this Order.

Rule 23. REPEALING CLAUSE

All provisions of existing Department Administrative Orders, circulars, and guidelines inconsistent with this Administrative Order are hereby repealed subject to the transitory provisions below.

Rule 24. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

If any term or provision of this Order should be declared illegal or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining terms and provisions thereof shall remain unimpaired and in full force.

Rule 25. TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

- 25.1 All manufacturers with existing valid PS License shall comply with the procedures and requirements of this Order on the subsequent surveillance audit immediately upon effectivity hereof. All pending PS applications received prior to the effectivity of this Order shall be processed in accordance with DAO 04:2008 and after the issuance of its PS license, manufacturers shall comply with the procedure and requirements of this Order on the subsequent surveillance audit.
- 25.2 All PS License applications received after the effectivity of this Order shall be subject to the procedures and requirements prescribed herein.
- 25.3 All importation of monobloc chairs and stools products covered by this Order sourced from a foreign manufacturer with a valid PS License after the effectivity of this Order shall be subject to the procedures and requirements prescribed herein.
 - 25.3.1 Submission of accomplished online system registration form (one time only unless there are changes);
 - 25.3.2 Submission of accomplished BPS prescribed application form to BPS, together with the required attachments;
 - 25.3.3 Payment of the prescribed application and processing fees consistent with Table 2 of this DAO;

Rule 26. EFFECTIVITY

This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) calendar days after its publication in a newspapers of general circulation at least once a week for a period of not less that month, a copy of which shall be submitted to the UP Office of National Admin Register.	n one (1)
Done in the City of Makati this day of in the year 20	20.
Recommended by:	
NEIL P. CATAJAY Director, Bureau of Philippine Standards ATTY. RUTH B. CASTELO Undersecretary, Consumer Protection	n Group
Approved:	
RAMON M. LOPEZ Secretary	

	TABLE 1 SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR PS SCHEME LICENSING					
PARTICULARS		FEE	PAYABLE TO			
1	Application Form	Php300.00				
2	Quality Manual Review	Php5,000.00	DTI			
3	Pre-Audit / Audit / Surveillance Audits per Man-Hour (Payable within 15 days after billing) as per size of establishment based on Table 1A					
3.1	Micro	Php100.00 or as charged by BPS Recognized Auditing Body				
3.2	Small	Php300.00 or as charged by BPS Recognized Auditing Body	DTI / BPS Recognized Auditing Body			
3.3	Medium	Php400.00 or as charged by BPS Recognized Auditing Body				
3.4	Large	Php500.00 or as charged by BPS Recognized Auditing Body				
4	Original License Fee* (Payable within 15 days after billing)					
4.1	Micro	Php5,000.00	DTI			
4.2	Small	Php7,500.00				
4.3	Medium	Php10,000.00				
4.4	Large	Php12,500.00				
5	Annual License Fee* (Payable within 15 days after billing)					
5.1	Micro	Php2,500.00				
5.2	Small	Php3,750.00				
5.3	Medium	Php5,000.00	DTI			
5.4	Large	Php6,250.00				
6	Transportation	As per arrangement (if necessary)	DTI / BPS Recognized Auditing Body			
7	Hotel Accommodation	As per arrangement (if necessary)	DTI / BPS Recognized Auditing Body			
8	Testing Fee	As charged by BPS Recognized Testing Laboratory	BPS-Recognized Testing Laboratory			
9	Freight Charges of Samples	As charged by Freight Forwarder	Freight Forwarder			
10	Market Sample	As per Official Receipts / Sales Invoice	Establishment			

TABLE A1 SIZE OF ESTABLISHMENT				
SIZE OF ESTABLISHMENT	ASSETS			
Micro	Up to Php3,000,000.00			
Small	Php 3,000,001.00 up to Php 15,000,000.00			
Medium	Php 15,000,001 up to Php 100,000,000.00			
Large	Over Php 100,000,000.00			

Notes:

- Original and Annual License Fees depend on the size of establishment as stipulated on Table 1A herein.
- The Schedule of Fees and Charges in this DAO were adopted from DAO 04:2008 and DAO 05:2008.

ANNEX 2

TABLE 2 SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR ICC MARK SCHEME					
PARTICULARS	FEE	PAYABLE TO			
Application Fee	Php 300.00	DTI			
Processing Fee (depends on the value of the batch being applied for ICC					
Invoice/batch value up to Php 500,000.00	Php 5,000.00				
Invoice/batch value from Php 500,001.00 to Php 1,000,000.00	Php 7,500.00	DTI			
Invoice/batch value above Php 1,000,000.00	Php 10,000.00				
Inspection Fee	As charged by the DTI / BPS BPS Recognized Inspection Body	DTI / BPS Recognized Inspection Body			
Transportation	As per arrangement (if necessary)	DTI / BPS Recognized Inspection Body			
Testing Fee	As charged by the BPS-Recognized Testing Laboratory	BPS-Recognized Testing Laboratory			
Freight charges of samples	As charged by Freight Forwarder	Freight Forwarder			
Market sample	As per Official Receipts/Sales Invoice	Establishment			