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SUBJECT: 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

I. INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to Republic Act 6969, "Toxic Substances and Hazardous and Nuclear Waste Act of 1990" and DENR Administrative Order (DAO) No. 29 Series of 1992, "Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA 6969", this Circular is hereby issued for the implementation of online processing and monitoring of Chemical Control Order (CCO) Registration and Importation Clearances and Small Quantity Importation (SQI) Clearances.

The purposes of CCOs are stated in Section 20 of DAO 92-29, to quote, "If the Department has determined that the use, storage, transport, process, manufacture, import or export of any new substance or a priority chemical poses an unreasonable risk or hazard to public health or the environment, the Department, may, by order publish in the Official Gazette or any newspaper of general circulation: a) prohibit the use, manufacture, import, export, transport, process, storage, possession or sale of the chemical substance; b) limit the use, manufacture, import, export, transport, process, storage, possession or sale of the chemical substances; or c) place such controls or conditions on the use, manufacture, import, export, transport, process, storage, possession or sale of the chemical substance to abate or minimize risks or hazards posed by the chemical substances on public health and environment."

As such, the following DENR Administrative Orders (DAOs) were formulated to control and regulate the importation, distribution, storage, handling, manufacture, use and disposal of the concerned chemicals:

- DAO 1997-38: Chemical Control Order (CCO) for Mercury and Mercury Compounds
- DAO 1997-39: Chemical Control Order (CCO) for Cyanide and Cyanide Compounds

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- DAO 2000-02: Chemical Control Order for Asbestos
- DAO 2013-24: Chemical Control Order for Lead and Lead Compounds
- DAO 2013-25: Revised Regulations on the Chemical Control Order for Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS)
- EMB MC 2005-03: List of Alternatives to Ozone Depleting Substances

The CCO for Polychlorinated Biphenyls (DAO 2004-01) may be allowed for registration of transformers and capacitors for the sole implementation of their PCB management plan and proper disposal.

The purpose of Small Quantity Importation (SQI) Clearances is stated in Section 22 of DAO 92-29, "The following substances and mixtures shall be exempted from the requirements of Section 17, 18, 21 of these Rules and Regulations: Those to be produced or used in small quantities solely for experimental or research and developmental purposes."

Small Quantity Importation and certain CCO applications are delegated to the Regional Offices in conformity with the DENR MC 2002-12, "Delegation of Authority to the EMB Regional Offices to issue 'Permit to Transport' for Hazardous Wastes, and 'Certification' and 'Importation Clearances' for Chemicals and Chemical Substances".

II. OBJECTIVE

This Circular aims to improve and strengthen the processing and monitoring of applications of various Chemical Control Order (CCO) Registration Certificates, Chemical Control Order (CCO) Importation Clearances, Pre-shipment Importation Clearances (PSIC), Small Quantity Importation (SQI) Clearances and Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) Alternatives by employing the Online Permitting and Monitoring System (OPMS) for the Certificates and Importation Clearances.

III. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

The Environmental Management Bureau Central and Regional Offices shall dedicate a website for the online permitting and monitoring of CCO Registration Certificates, CCO Importation Clearances, PSIC, SQI Clearances and ODS Alternatives.

IV. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

- 4.1 The Bureau of Customs (BOC) of the Department of Finance shall be given access to the approved copies of the Importation Clearances or Pre-shipment Importation Clearance.



- 4.2 The owners/clients may contact the EMB with regard to further CCO-related queries/clarifications; or contact the number(s) indicated at the online permitting website for technical or website-related matters.
- 4.3 Payment of the applications may be made at the EMB Central Office, EMB Regional Offices, Landbank of the Philippines, or other institutions as may be allowed.
- 4.4 Documentary requirements and checklists shall be retained as agreed under EMB MC 2015-002, "Harmonization of Registration Forms, Issued Certificates and Procedures for Chemical Control Orders (CCOs), and Small Quantity Importation (SQI)". Any additional requirement shall be first reviewed and approved by the EMB Director prior to implementation.

V. VALIDATION OF ONLINE PERMITS ISSUED

All CCO Registration Certificates, CCO Importation Clearances, PSIC, SQI Clearances and ODS Alternatives issued may be validated through the concerned Regional Office or Central Office of the EMB.

VI. EFFECTIVITY

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately after publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

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