



MC No. 11, s. 2006

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

TO : ALL HEADS OF CONSTITUTIONAL BODIES, DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS, OFFICES AND AGENCIES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, AND GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS WITH ORIGINAL CHARTERS

SUBJECT : *Implementation of the Provisions of Republic Act No. 9242, Otherwise Known as "An Act Prescribing the Use of the Philippine Tropical Fabrics for Uniform of Public Officials and Employees and for Other Purposes"*

Section 3 of Republic Act No. 9242 provides that "the use of Philippine tropical fabrics is hereby prescribed for official uniforms of government officials and employees and for the purposes which require the use of fabrics in government offices and functions."

Rule 2 of the Rules Implementing R.A. No. 9242 provides that "all fabrics to be used for uniforms and other purposes shall contain at least 5% by weight for either abaca, banana, and pineapple and 15% by weight for silk. All government offices and their officials and employees shall use tropical fabrics following the effectivity of these Rules."

Pursuant to CSC Memorandum Circular No. 18, s. 2005, all heads of Departments and Agencies were enjoined to comply with the provisions of the Rules Implementing R.A. No. 9242.

However, no manufacturer was able to meet the required standards set by the Philippine Textile Research Institute (PTRI) of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and no fabric was certified to be compliant with the Tropical Fabrics Act.

The Commission, together with the inter-agency group working on the implementation of the Tropical Fabrics Act, has noted that the non-availability of tropical fabric until the second quarter of 2006 will render the implementation of Tropical Fabrics Act not possible this year.

In view hereof, the Commission is constrained to inform all agencies that for the year 2006, there will be non-implementation of R. A. No. 9242, due to the lack of tropical fabric. An advisory will be issued once tropical fabric would be available later this year, for use in 2007.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karina Constantino-David', is written over a horizontal line.

KARINA CONSTANTINO-DAVID
Chair

June 5, 2006

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