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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

TO : HEADS OF CONSTITUTIONAL BODIES; DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS AND AGENCIES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT; LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS; GOVERNMENT OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS; AND STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

SUBJECT : Use of Philippine Tropical Fabrics for Uniforms

Pursuant to Republic Act No. 9242 or the Philippine Tropical Fabrics Act of 2004, the CSC issued Memorandum Circular No. 22, s. 2010 enjoining all agencies to make use of Philippine Tropical Fabrics (PTF) for at least one set, or for a part of at least one set, of office uniforms.

Heads of agencies are again reminded to comply with R.A. No. 9242.

Philippine Tropical Fabrics (PTF) are those containing natural fibers produced, spun, woven or knitted and finished in the Philippines. Natural fibers refer to the various fibers or filament of plant, vegetable, animal or mineral origin. The presence of abaca, banana, pineapple, and/or silk in blends with cotton and other natural and/or synthetic fibers constitutes the natural fiber component of tropical fabrics.

Under the law, PTF producers are required to submit their fabrics to the Philippine Textile Research Institute (PTRI) for fabric testing and certification. R.A. No. 9242 requires that the fabrics must contain natural fiber, which must be produced/finished and transformed into fabric in the Philippines.

The PTRI conducts tests on the fabric composition and other properties to determine whether or not the fabric meets the minimum standard requirements for uniform and other purposes as prescribed by R.A. No. 9242. After testing, PTRI issues the appropriate certification.

Please be informed that the tropical fabrics produced by **Asia Textile Mills (Asiatex)** have been certified by PTRI as R.A. No. 9242 compliant. Agencies may now procure PTF for their office uniforms from Asiatex. Below are the contact details of Asiatex:

Asia Textile Mills

Km. 52 Brgy. San Cristobal, Calamba City, Laguna
Contact Details: Mr. Matthew B. Lazaro/Vice President
(049) 531-7795/(049) 531-7239
Certified PTF: polyester/abaca fabrics

Agencies may secure their fabrics not only from textile producers but also from garment manufacturers or fabric retailers, in which case, agencies should secure from the garment manufacturers or fabric retailers a copy of the certification issued by the PTRI to the source (textile producer) of their fabrics.

Heads of agencies are reminded of Section 2, Rule V of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of R.A. No. 9242, which provides:

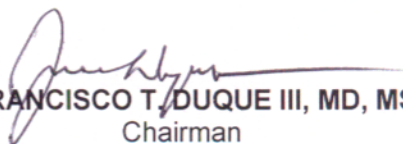
"RULE V. Procurement Procedure

Section 2. The supplier shall submit the required certification from PTRI to the Bidding and Awards Committee (BAC) or its equivalent unit responsible for the procurement of the uniforms and for other purposes of each agency/department. (Underscoring supplied)

Please note that a certification stating that the fabric supplier is an authorized supplier of PTF is not acceptable. Ensure that the supplier submits the Certification for R.A. No. 9242 from the PTRI (in PTRI Official Letterhead) which states that the fabric meets the fiber composition and minimum performance requirements for office uniform.

Agencies may get in touch with the Center for International Trade Expositions and Missions – Garments and Textile Industry Development Office (CITEM-GTIDO) at telephone number 831-1265 for inquiries pertaining to PTF procurement and guidelines.

Copies of the law, its IRR and the sample certification from the PTRI are downloadable from the CSC website, www.csc.gov.ph.


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