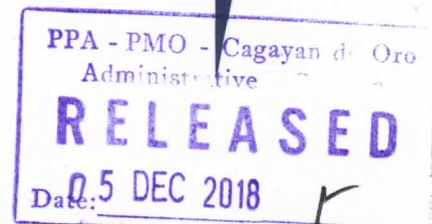




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**PMO MOC MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**

No. 013 -2018



TO : Port Services Division Manager  
Police Port Division Manager  
Terminal Managers  
All Operations and Port Police Officers

SUBJECT : **STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF EXISTING LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS ON THE SALE, MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION AND THE USE OF FIRECRACKERS AND PYROTECHNIC DEVICES**


It is a Filipino tradition to use firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices to celebrate important events such as Christmas Day and New Year's Day. However, the sale, manufacture, distribution, and use of these must be in strict adherence with the existing laws, rules and regulations as provided under R.A 7183 and the Executive Order 28, for furtherance of public safety, order, and national security.

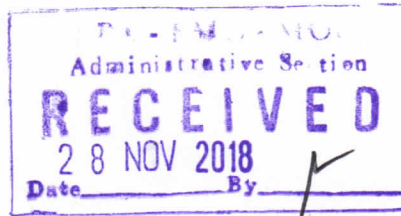
Per Memorandum Order No. 31 issued by Malacañan, all agencies and instrumentalities, are directed to provide support and assistance in the implementation of the provisions of the cited laws.

In view thereof, you are hereby directed to implement, in close coordination with the Philippine National Police, the pertinent provisions of the existing laws whenever these firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices are transported within the PMO MOC's jurisdiction, such as but not limited to:

1. Conduct inspection to ensure that manufacturers, distributors, retailers, and users of firecrackers and pyrotechnic distributors are following the safety guidelines, and other requisites laid down under existing laws;
2. Confiscate prohibited firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices as provided by law, rules and regulations, as well as firecrackers used outside community fireworks displays, in violation of EO No. 28;
3. Require proof of age from any seller or buyer of firecrackers and/or pyrotechnic devices who is suspected to be below 18 years of age, but claims otherwise;
4. Strictly enforce the prohibition on importing finished firecrackers and fireworks. Only duly licensed manufacturers shall be allowed to import chemicals or explosive ingredients used in the manufacture of firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices;
5. Ensure that firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices bear labels indicating the name and address of the manufacturers and the warning instructions;

For your guidance and strict compliance.

  
**ISIDRO V. BUTASLAC, JR**  
Port Manager



PHILIPPINE  
PORTS  
AUTHORITY



22 November 2018

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Port Managers  
Port Management Offices

ATTN : The Division Managers/Station Commanders

FROM : The Acting Manager/Superintendent  
Port Police Department

SUBJECT : Memorandum Order No. 31, series of 2018

We are respectfully furnishing your Office herewith copy of the Memorandum Order No.31 dated 29 October 2018, Subject: Directing the Philippine National Police and other Concerned Agencies to Strictly Implement Existing Laws, Rules and Regulations on the Sale, Manufacture, Distribution and Use of Firecrackers and Pyrotechnic Devices, duly signed by the President of the Philippines.

Relative thereto, please strictly implement pertinent provisions of the above cited Memorandum Order whenever these firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices are transported within our area of jurisdiction.

Please be guided accordingly.

  
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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2018-0011**

**For :** ALL UNDERSECRETARIES  
ALL ASSISTANT SECRETARIES  
SERVICE DIRECTORS  
DIVISION CHIEFS  
*This Department*

**HEAD of SECTORAL OFFICES and  
ATTACHED AGENCIES/CORPORATIONS**

**From :** Atty. ARTEMIO U. TUAZON Jr.  
Head Executive Assistant/Chief of Staff  
OIC Undersecretary for Administrative Service

**Subject :** MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 31, series of 2018

**Date :** 12 November 2018

This is to furnish your office a certified copy of the Memorandum Order No. 31 dated 29 October 2018 entitled **"DIRECTING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AND OTHER CONCERNED AGENCIES TO STRICTLY IMPLEMENT EXISTING LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS ON THE SALE, MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF FIRECRACKERS AND PYROTECHNIC DEVICES."** duly signed by the President of the Philippines.

For information and guidance.

**Atty. ARTEMIO U. TUAZON Jr.**



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Manila, October 29, 2018

**SECRETARY ARTHUR PLANTA TUGADE**  
Department of Transportation  
Mandaluyong City

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit for your information and guidance, a certified copy of Memorandum Order No. 31 dated October 29, 2018 entitled "**DIRECTING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AND OTHER CONCERNED AGENCIES TO STRICTLY IMPLEMENT EXISTING LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS ON THE SALE, MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF FIRECRACKERS AND PYROTECHNIC DEVICES**".

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
**ATTY. CONCEPCION ZENT E. FERROLINO-ENAD**  
Director IV



MALACAÑAN PALACE  
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 31

**DIRECTING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AND  
OTHER CONCERNED AGENCIES TO STRICTLY  
IMPLEMENT EXISTING LAWS, RULES AND  
REGULATIONS ON THE SALE, MANUFACTURE,  
DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF FIRERACKERS AND  
PYROTECHNIC DEVICES**

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act (RA) No. 7183 contains illustrative lists of what comprises allowable firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices, and provides for the regulation and control of the manufacture, sale, distribution and use thereof consistent with, and in furtherance of, public safety, order and national security;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine National Police (PNP) is primarily responsible for the administration and enforcement of the provisions of RA No. 7183;

**WHEREAS**, the said law authorizes the PNP to process applications for the issuance of licenses or permits of any person desiring to manufacture, sell or distribute allowable firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices, and to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to regulate and control their manufacture, sale, distribution and use, including the determination and review of the gun powder and other raw material content of firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices;

**WHEREAS**, local chief executives are likewise authorized to promulgate the necessary rules and regulations on firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices within their territorial jurisdiction in conformity with the national standards, rules and regulations;

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order (EO) No. 28 (s. 2017) was issued providing for the regulation and control of the use of firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the report of the Department of Health, the Piccolo, a type of prohibited firecracker, is the top cause of firecracker-related injuries;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby order the PNP, in coordination with other concerned agencies and the local government units, to carry out the following:

1. Conduct inspections to ensure that manufacturers, distributors, retailers and users of firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices are in compliance with the safety guidelines, reportorial requirements and other requisites laid down under existing laws, rules and regulations including but not limited to RA No. 7183, its Implementing Rules and Regulations, and EO No. 28;



2. Confiscate and destroy prohibited firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices as provided by law, rules and regulations, as well as firecrackers used outside community fireworks displays in violation of EO No. 28;
3. Cancel/ revoke the licenses and permits, and confiscate the inventory or stock, of those found in violation of existing laws, rules and regulations;
4. Strictly enforce the prohibition on the sale of firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices to anyone under 18 years of age; any buyer of firecrackers and/or pyrotechnic devices who is suspected to be below 18 years of age, but claims otherwise, shall be required to show proof of his age;
5. Strictly enforce the prohibition on importing finished firecrackers and fireworks under Section 6 of RA No. 7183; and
6. Suspend the processing of new licenses and permits for the manufacture, sale, and distribution of firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices pending review of existing licensees' and permittees' compliance with laws, rules and regulations; provided that other permits necessary for the operations of such existing licensees and permittees (e.g. permit to purchase/import ingredients, permit to transport) may continue to be issued unless such entities are found to have violated the relevant laws and issuances. The suspension herein ordered shall remain in effect until declared lifted by the Office of the President upon recommendation of the PNP Chief and his submission of a report on the review undertaken on existing licenses and permits.

All other departments, agencies and instrumentalities of the government, including government -owned or -controlled corporations are directed to provide the support and assistance required in the implementation of this Order.

For strict compliance.

**DONE**, in the City of Manila, this ~~29th~~ day of ~~October~~ in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eighteen.

*R Duterte*



By the President:

*[Signature]*  
SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA  
Executive Secretary

