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MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS
ALL BUREAU DIRECTORS

FROM : THE UNDERSECRETARY
Field Operations and Environment

SUBJECT : CLARIFICATION ON THE MEMORANDUM DATED 01 JULY
2021 ON THE GUIDE VALIDATION CRITERIA OF PROGRAM
NEHEMIA

DATE : JUL 13 2021

Relative to the abovementioned subject memorandum, we would like to clarify that only those Regions with National Effort for the Harmonization of Efficient Measures of Inter-related Agencies/ Program (NEHEMIA) are requested to submit directly to the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA).

Otherwise, all other Regional Offices and Bureau, kindly submit your Streamlining and Process Improvement of Critical Services (SPICS) to the DENR-Policy and Planning Service for consolidation as part of the Department's compliance to the PBB requirements. If you have already submitted a copy of your SPICS to the ARTA , may we request that your furnish our DEN-PPS a copy of the same.

For your compliance.


ATTY. JUAN MIGUEL T. CUNA, *CESO I*

c.c.

DENR Policy and Planning Service

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NEHEMIA FOR FY 2020 PBB

DATE : JUL 01 2021

Referred to your end is the memorandum dated 19 April 2021 of Undersecretary Jonas R. Leones regarding the abovementioned subject.

Based on the agreements made during the recent Committee on Anti-Red Tape (CART) Meeting on the Harmonization of Efficient Measures of Inter-related Agencies (NEHEMIA) or Program and as stipulated in AO 25 of the Inter-agency Task Force (IATF) Memorandum Circular 2020-1, one of the performance targets for eligibility to the 2020 PBB is the compliance of Departments/Agencies under priority sectors concerned with the NEHEMIA commitments to Rule 3, Section 3 of the IRR of Republic Act No 11032 and AO No 23 series of 2020 or Eliminating Overregulation to Promote Efficiency of Government Processes.

Relative thereto, you are hereby instructed to submit your FY 2020 accomplishments to the Anti-Red Tape Authority and AO 25 IATF including your FY 2020 streamlining and process improvements of other critical services. Attached for your reference, is a copy of AO No. 23 s. 2020.

Should you have clarifications/ inquiries you may send an email and ao25secretariat@dap.edu.ph.

For compliance.


ATTY. JUAN MIGUEL T. CUNA, CESO I



MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 23

**ELIMINATING OVERREGULATION TO PROMOTE EFFICIENCY OF
GOVERNMENT PROCESSES**

WHEREAS, Section 20, Article II of the Constitution recognizes the indispensable role of the private sector, encourages private enterprise, and provides incentives to needed investments;

WHEREAS, under Section 2 of Republic Act (RA) No. 9485, as amended by RA No. 11032 or the "Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018," the State is mandated to maintain a program for the adoption of simplified requirements and procedures that will reduce red tape and expedite business and nonbusiness related transactions in government;

WHEREAS, increasing competitiveness and the ease of doing business are pillars of this Administration's Ten-Point Socio-economic Agenda;

WHEREAS, excessive regulations at all levels of government, which are more than necessary to implement their respective mandates, create high costs on businesses, inhibit job creation, and discourage private sector investment;

WHEREAS, under Section 17 of RA No. 9485, as amended, the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) is mandated to implement various ease of doing business and anti-red tape reform initiatives aimed at improving the regulatory environment to be more conducive to business operations;

WHEREAS, pursuant to RA No. 9485, as amended, the ARTA shall coordinate with all government offices in the review of existing laws and executive issuances, and recommend the repeal of the same if deemed outdated, redundant and adds undue regulatory burden to the transacting public;

WHEREAS, Section 3(c), Rule IV of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of RA No. 11032, requires all government agencies to review their respective Citizen's Charters, especially on the procedures, steps, processing time, documentary requirements and fees, with the end view of identifying and eliminating costly, redundant, unnecessary, ineffective and outdated regulations;

WHEREAS, RA No. 11234 or the "Energy Virtual One-Stop Shop Act," aims to ensure timely completion of energy-related projects by, among others, eliminating duplication, redundancy and overlapping mandates in documentary submissions and

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Section 3. Processes Applicable to Energy-Related Projects. For processes applicable to energy-related projects, the timelines provided by RA No. 11234 shall be complied with.

Section 4. Review and Reporting. The ARTA shall review and evaluate the Compliance Reports submitted by the covered agencies, and within six (6) months from the deadline of submission of the said reports shall submit to the Office of the President, through the Office of the Executive Secretary, its findings and recommendations, including the compliance of covered agencies to the requirements of RA No. 9485, as amended, as well as data on the total number of regulations repealed, percentage of rules cut or simplified, and estimated amount of regulatory costs saved by the Government per covered agency as a result of implementing this Order.

With respect to covered agencies with processes falling within the scope of RA No. 11234, the ARTA shall review and evaluate their Compliance Reports, and formulate its findings and recommendations, in coordination with the EVOSS Steering Committee.

Section 5. Sanctions. Failure to comply with this Order shall result in the filing of appropriate administrative cases pursuant to the Civil Service Commission Rules on Administrative Cases in the Civil Service, and other relevant laws, rules and regulations.

Section 6. Repealing Clause. All other executive issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 7. Separability. Should any part or provision of this Order be held unconstitutional or invalid, the other parts or provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force or effect.

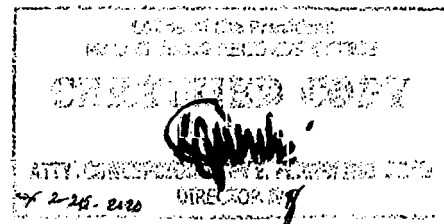
Section 8. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 21st day of **February**, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty.

By the President:


SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA
Executive Secretary



List of Agencies under Priority Sectors or Program NEHEMIA¹

I. Common Tower -

1. Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), Chair
2. Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP)
3. Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR)
4. Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) ✓
5. Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)
6. Department of Health (DOH)
7. Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)
8. Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)

II. Socialized Housing -

1. Department of Human Settlement and Development (DHSUD), Chair
2. Department of Agriculture (DA)
3. Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR)
4. Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) ✓
5. Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)
6. Land Registration Authority (LRA)

III. Food and Pharmaceuticals -

1. Department of Health (DOH), Chair
2. Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)
3. Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)
4. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
5. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)

IV. Logistics -

1. Department of Transportation (DOTr), Chair
2. Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR)
3. Bureau of Customs (BOC)
4. Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)
5. Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)
6. Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB)
7. Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA)
8. Philippine National Police (PNP)
9. Philippine Ports Authority (PPA)
10. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)

V. Power -

1. Department of Energy (DOE), Chair
2. Department of Agriculture (DA)
3. Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR)
4. Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) ✓
5. Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) ✓
6. Energy Regulation Commission (ERC)
7. National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP)
8. National Water Resources Board (NWRB)

¹ Based on the provided list of the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) as of April 16, 2020.