

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2015-01

SUPPLEMENT TO DOT MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2014-04:

PROVIDING FOR A TRANSITORY PERIOD FOR SECURING THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM'S ACCREDITATION FOR LIQUOR BAN EXEMPTION DURING THE ELECTION PERIOD AS PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS (COMELEC)

In order to effectively facilitate the implementation of the Department of Tourism (DOT) Memorandum Circular No. 2014-04 which provides for the Guidelines on Securing DOT Certification for Liquor Ban exemption during Election Period, the following supplemental provisions are hereby issued:

Section 1. Applicability. The application of the two (2) year accreditation requirement for the Certification of Liquor Ban Exemption for tourism enterprises as provided for in DOT Memorandum Circular No. 2014-04 shall be strictly enforced in the 2016 National and Local Elections.

For all other elections before the 2016 National and Local Elections, such as the Sangguniang Kabataan in 2015, only those existing tourism establishments that are already DOT accredited at the time of the liquor ban shall be issued a Certification of Liquor Ban Exemption.

Section 2. Transitory Period. To provide additional time for other tourism enterprises to be accredited, all concerned hotels, resorts, restaurants, and other tourism enterprises shall be given a period until **30 April 2015** within which to file an application for accreditation with the DOT Central Office or concerned DOT Regional Offices, as the case may be.

Section 3. Exemption. For newly-opened tourism enterprises which are in operation for at least three (3) months but not more than two (2) years prior to the 2016 National and Local Elections, they shall be eligible to apply for DOT Certification for liquor ban exemption; *Provided*, that the said tourism enterprises shall have applied for accreditation at least three (3) months prior to the date of the 2016 elections and that they are habitually engaged in the business of catering to foreign tourists, as determined by the DOT.

Section 4. Repealing Clause. All other orders, circulars, and/or rules and regulations inconsistent herewith shall be deemed amended accordingly.

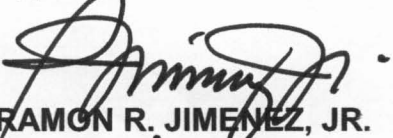

Section 5. Separability Clause. In the event that any part or provision of this Circular is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a competent Court of Law or authority, such provision shall not affect the validity of the other provisions.

Section 6. Publication and Filing. This Circular shall be published in any newspaper of general circulation and let three (3) copies hereof be filed with the Office of the National Administrative Register (ONAR) of UP Law Center, pursuant to Presidential Memorandum Circular No. 11, s.1992.

Section 7. Effectivity Clause. This Circular shall take effect immediately upon publication and after fifteen (15) days from the date of filing with the UP Law Center.

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Approved:


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