

# [ MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 31, October 29, 2018 ]

## **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**

**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;