

[RESOLUTION NO. 30-2017, January 04, 2018]

**APPROVING ADDITIONAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2016 REVISED
IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR) OF REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 9184**

*Adopted: 31 July 2017
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WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 9184 entitled "An Act Providing for the Modernization, Standardization and Regulation of the Procurement Activities of the Government and for Other Purposes," took effect on 26 January 2003, while its 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) took effect on 28 October 2016;

WHEREAS, Section 63 of RA 9184 and its 2016 Revised IRR authorizes the Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB) to formulate public procurement policies, rules and regulations, and amend, whenever necessary, its IRR;

WHEREAS, to further improve public procurement rules, for a more efficient and effective Philippine public procurement system, the GPPB, during its 3rd Regular Meeting on 30 May 2017, approved the amendments and corrections to the 2016 Revised IRR of RA 9184;

WHEREAS, Section 62.1 of the 2016 Revised IRR of RA 9184 mandates that the obligation for warranty for the procurement of goods shall be covered by either retention money in an amount equivalent to at least one percent (1%) of every progress payment, or a special bank guarantee equivalent to at least one percent (1%) of the total contract price;

WHEREAS, during the 4th GPPB Regular Meeting on 31 July 2017, as an off-shoot of the discussion on the additional corrections to the 5th Edition of the Philippine Bidding Documents for Goods, particularly on the rule on warranty security in the form of retention money or special bank guarantee, the GPPB-TSO reported that while the 2016 Revised IRR of RA 9184 already lowered the rate of the warranty security for the procurement of goods from at least ten percent (10%) to at least one percent (1%), agencies are still requiring 10% warranty security because of the word "at least" in the 2016 Revised IRR of RA 9184, thereby effectively defeating the purpose of prescribing a lower rate of warranty security that would eventually lower the bid prices;

WHEREAS, after careful review and due deliberation, the GPPB agreed to prescribe the rate of the warranty security for the procurement of goods to at least one percent (1%) but not to exceed five percent (5%);

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in view of all the foregoing, WE, the Members of the