

[DPWH DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 199, September 10, 1990]

**PROCUREMENT AND USE OF CEMENT FOR DPWH
INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS**

In the interest of public service and in order to rationalize the procurement and use of imported cement for DPWH infrastructures projects, the following guidelines and policies relative thereto are hereby prescribed for the guidance of all concerned:

1. DPWH contractors for infrastructure projects may use imported cement instead of domestically produced cement.
2. As a matter of policy the DPWH does not intervene in the procurement of cement for use of contractors in their projects. In the interest of public service, however, the DPWH may assist contractors in procuring their cement requirements. In such cases, the contractors shall request in writing for assistance from the DPWH implementing Office concerned. The DPWH Implementing Office concerned, through the DPWH Task Force to Oversee the Supply of Portland Cement (c/o The Director, Bureau of Research and Standards, EDSA, Quezon City), shall inform the contractors regarding arrangements on the allocation of imported cement from the Philippine International Corporation (PHILCEMCOR), or other cement suppliers, provided that the contractors agree to pay for the cement in accordance with the terms and conditions prescribed by the supplier.
3. The written request of contractors for assistance in the procurement of cement shall contain a manifestation that the cement being procured thru the DPWH shall be exclusively used for specific DPWH projects and does not exceed the cement requirements of these specific projects.
4. Contractors may likewise request in writing the DPWH to advance the payment for the cement requirements of their projects using funds obligated to cover cost of their contracts. The contractors shall identify the suppliers; otherwise, the DPWH will source their requirements from the PITC, the PHILCEMCOR, or other cement suppliers offering ready stocks and/or lower prices. In no case will the DPWH pay for the imported cement from a supplier that is selling cement at price higher than that stipulated by the PITC for that week as confirmed by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI). This advance payment facility can be availed of by interested contractors only until 13 November 1990.
5. The price ceiling for locally produce cement will follow the price ceiling set by the DTI.