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**REVISED IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (RIRR) OF
CHAPTER VII - INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE OF THE CODE ON
SANITATION OF THE PHILIPPINES, P.D. 856**

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I. BACKGROUND/RATIONALE

The Code on Sanitation of the Philippines, P.D. 856 was promulgated in 1975 and one of its chapter on Industrial Hygiene provides the standards and guidelines for the protection and promotion of workers' health. The first implementing rules and regulations (IRR) of the said chapter was developed in 1991. To cope up with the trends in industrialization and globalization, amendments were made in 1999.

With the resurgence of the manufacturing industries to achieve the Philippine government's goal of inclusive growth, there is a need to strengthen the implementation of the P.D. 856 through the IRR. This would include the active involvement of the Investment Promotion Agencies (IPAs) in support to the Local Government Unit (LGU) in the implementation of the IRR in all industrial establishments inside the economic zones. To facilitate enforcement, standards and operational procedures need to be harmonize with the Department of Labor and Employment and other partner agencies (e.g. Department of Environmental and Natural Resources, Civil Service Commission, Department of Interior and Local Government, Philippine Economic Zone Authority, etc.).

Hence, the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (RIRR), that will contribute to a more responsive health system addressing workers' health.

II. OBJECTIVES

Chapter VII - Industrial Hygiene of the Sanitation Code of the Philippines, PD 856, to promote and protect workers' health.

III. SCOPE AND COVERAGE

This Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (RIRR) shall apply to all industrial establishments which are either engaged in the manufacture, storage, sale, and distribution of goods or processing of raw materials into end-products operated by the government agencies or its instrumentalities including government-owned or controlled corporations, private organizations or firms, individuals or entities.

IV. DEFINITION OF TERMS

1. **Department** - refers to the Department of Health (DOH).
2. **Employer** - refers to persons, entity, or organization who employ one or more paid workers in the operation of their businesses or trades.
3. **Industrial Establishment** - refers to workplace, which is either engaged in the manufacture, storage, sale, distribution, treatment and disposal of goods or processing of raw materials into end-products except mining and quarrying operations.
4. **Investment Promotion Agency (IPA)** - refers to the authority managing Economic Zones, Freeport Zones, Industrial Estates, and Retirement Areas as identified by the Department of Trade and Industry.
5. **Health Officer** - refers to the Provincial Health Officer, City Health Officer, Municipal Health Officer, or Investment Promotion Agency Health Officer. He/she must be a licensed medical practitioner.
6. **Health and Safety Committee** - refers to the industrial establishment's planning and policy-making group in-charge of all matters pertaining to occupational health and safety, the composition of which shall be in accordance with the rule as stated in the DOLE's Occupational Safety and Health Standards, as amended.
7. **Local Government Unit (LGU)** - refers to the provincial, municipal, chartered and component cities.
8. **Local Health Authority** - refers to the Provincial Governor, City or Municipal Mayor or Administrator of Investment Promotion Agency.
9. **Occupational Health Worker** - refers to the qualified first-aider, nurse, dentist, or physician, whose service/services have been engaged by the employer in order to provide occupational health services in the industrial establishment.
10. **RIRR** - refers to Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations on Chapter VII - Industrial Hygiene of the Code on Sanitation of the Philippines, P.D. 856
11. **Worker** - refers to any employed person regardless of nationality in the industrial establishment including its working owner/s, officers and administrative personnel.
12. **Workplace** - refers to the office, premises or worksite, where the workers are habitually employed and shall include the office or place where the workers who have no fixed or definite worksite, regularly report for assignment in the course of their employment.

V. GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. All workers shall be entitled to a healthy and safe workplace through compliance with the attached RIRR.
2. The requirements for operating an industrial establishment shall be in accordance with this Order and the attached RIRR.
3. The Local Government Units and Investment Promotion Agencies shall be responsible in the enforcement of the provisions of the attached RIRR.

VI. SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

1. The provisions to a healthy and safe workplace shall follow Rule III of the RIRR - Responsibilities of Employer, Worker and Health and Safety Committee.
2. The procedures in securing a Sanitary Permit shall be in accordance with Rule IV of the RIRR - Application, Issuance, Renewal and Revocation of the Sanitary Permit.
3. In the operation of industrial establishments, the following Rules of the RIRR shall apply:
 - a. Rule V - specifies the Sanitary Requirements in the operation of Industrial Establishments
 - b. Rule VI - prescribes the Environmental Control Provisions to be followed in the prevention and control of occupational hazards in the workplace.
 - c. Rule VII - specifies the required Personal Protective Equipment, whenever engineering and administrative control measures are not feasible or insufficient/inadequate as specified in Rule VI of this RIRR.
 - d. Rule VIII - requires the appropriate Occupational Health Services to be provided to all workers, depending on the size of establishment, number of workers and nature of undertaking.
4. The policies and standards adopted from other agencies shall be of the latest issuance.
5. The Department of Health in the form of issuance of Administrative Order may amend, modify and change any word, sentence, paragraph, provisions and requirements contained in the RIRR as it deems necessary for the improvement of its implementation at the field level.

VII. RECORDING AND REPORTING

1. The owner/general manager of industrial establishment shall submit the reportorial requirements to the City/Municipal Health Office as stated in the RIRR. In case of industrial establishments in the economic zones, it shall be submitted to the Investment Promotion Agency (IPA.)
2. The consolidation and submission of reportorial requirements shall be done by area of jurisdiction and level of authority, as follows:
 - a. From the Component City / Municipal Health Office to the Provincial Health Office;
 - b. From the Chartered Cities, Provincial Health Office (PHO) and Investment Promotion Agencies (IPA) to the DOH Regional Office; and
 - c. From the Regional Office to the DOH Central Office through the Occupational Diseases Division, Disease Prevention and Control Bureau.