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GUIDELINES ON OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH (OSH) IN THE PYROTECHNIC INDUSTRY

Pursuant to the rule-making authority of the Secretary of Labor and Employment under Article 5 of the Labor Code, as amended, and to ensure the protection and welfare of workers employed in the pyrotechnic industry, the following guidelines are hereby issued for the guidance and compliance by all concerned:

SECTION 1. Coverage. - This Guidelines shall apply to all establishments, workplaces, operations and undertakings in the pyrotechnic industry.

SECTION 2. Definition of Terms. - As used herein, the following terms shall mean:

- a. **"Pyrotechnics establishment"** refers to a company engaged in the manufacturing, distribution and sale of pyrotechnic products.
- b. **"Occupational Safety and Health Program"** refers to planned activities aimed to prevent, eliminate, reduce or control occupational risks and hazards.
- c. **"Safety and Health Committee"** refers to a group of employees and management representatives concerned with planning, policy-making, implementation and evaluation of all matters pertaining to safety and health.
- d. **"Safety and Health Personnel"** refers to a qualified first-aid staff, nurse, dentist, physician or safety officer engaged by the employer to provide occupational safety and health services.
- e. **"Occupational Safety and Health Standards (OSHS)"** refers to the set of Rules issued by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) which mandates the adoption and use of appropriate practices, means, methods, operations or processes, and working conditions reasonably necessary to ensure safe and healthful employment.

SECTION 3. Workplace Policy on Occupational Safety and Health. - An occupational safety and health policy shall be formulated by each pyrotechnic establishment addressing the priority safety and health concerns in workplaces and worksites classified as pyrotechnic establishments, in accordance with the OSHS and other related Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) issuances.

SECTION 4. Components of the Occupational Safety and Health Program – The OSH program shall include:

- a. Hazard and Risk Prevention and Control to reduce the extent of exposures to hazards and to decrease the likelihood for those hazards to cause illness or injury.
- b. Capability building for members of the Safety and Health Committee to undertake risk management activities through information, training, and work environment safety and health interventions.