[BIR REGULATIONS NO. 17-99, December 16, 1999]

IMPLEMENTING SECTIONS 141, 142, 143 AND 145 (A) AND (C) (1), (2), (3) AND (4) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997 RELATIVE TO THE INCREASE OF THE EXCISE TAX ON DISTILLED SPIRITS, WINES, FERMENTED LIQUORS AND CIGARS AND CIGARETTES PACKED BY MACHINE BY TWELVE PERCENT (12%) ON JANUARY 1, 2000.

Pursuant to Section 244 in relation to Sections 141, 142, 143 and 145 of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, these Regulations are hereby promulgated to implement the twelve percent (12%) increase of the excise tax on distilled spirits, wines, fermented liquors and cigars and cigarettes packed by machine by January 1, 2000.

SECTION 1. New Rates of Specific Tax . The specific tax rates imposed under the following sections are hereby increased by twelve percent (12%) and the new rates to be levied, assessed, and collected are as follows:

SECTION DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	6 PRESENT	NEW
	SPECIFIC TAX	SPECIFIC TAX
	RATES (Prior	RATES (
	to January 1,	Effective
	2000)	January 1,
		2000
141 DISTILLED SPIRITS		

a. 1. If produced from sap of nipa, coconut cassava, camote or buri palm or from the juice, syrup or sugar of the cane, provided such materials are produced commercially in the in the countries where they are processed	P8.00/proof liter	P8.96/proof liter
a.2. If produced in Pot Still by small distiller or other similar primary distilling apparatus of a distiller producing not more than 100 liters a day containing not more than fifty percent (50%) alcohol by volume	P4.00/proof liter	P4.48/proof liter

	 b. If produced from raw materials other than above (1) Net Retail Price per bottle of 750 ml. volume capacity (excluding VAT & Excise) is less than P250.00 (2) Net Retail Price per bottle of 750 ml/ volume capacity (excluding VAT & Excise) is P250.00 up to P675.00 	P75.00/proof liter P150.00/proof liter	liter P168.00/proof liter
	(3) Net Retail Price per bottle of 750 ml. volume capacity (excluding VAT & Excise) is more than P675.00	P300.00/proof liter	P336.00/proof
142	WINES		
	a. Sparkling wines/champagne regardless of proof		
	(1) Net Retail Price per bottle (excluding VAT & Excise) is P500.00 or less	P100.00/liter	P112.00/liter
	(2) Net Retail Price per bottle (excluding VAT & Excise) is more than P500.00	P300.00/liter	P336.00/liter
	 b. Still Wines containing 14% of alcohol by volume or less 	P12.00/liter	P13.44/liter
	c. Still Wines containing more than 14% but not more than 25% of alcohol by volume	P24.00/liter	P26.88/liter
143	FERMENTED LIQUORS		
	a. Net Retail price per liter (excluding VAT & excise) is less than P14.50	P6.15/liter	P6.89/liter
	b. Net Retail price per liter (excluding VAT & Excise) is P14.50 up to P22.00	P12.15/liter	P10.25/liter
	c. Net Retail Price per liter (excluding VAT &Excise) is more than P22.00	P12.15/liter	P13.61/liter