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JOINT RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO IMPLEMENT REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8294

Pursuant to Section 6 of Republic Act No. 8294 entitled "An Act Amending The Provisions Of Presidential Decree No. 1866, As Amended, Entitled 'Codifying The Laws On Illegal/unlawful Possession, Manufacture, Dealing In, Acquisition Or Disposition Of Firearms, Ammunition Or Explosives Or Instruments Used In The Manufacture Of Firearms, Ammunition Or Explosives, and Imposing Stiffer Penalties For Certain Violations Thereof, And For Relevant Purposes'", the following Rules and Regulations are hereby issued to govern the administrative aspects of the implementation of said Act:

SECTION 1. Policy Objectives. — These Rules seek to give effect to the beneficent provisions of Republic Act No. 8294 by adjusting the penalty imposed for a conviction under Presidential Decree No. 1866 and thereby ensure the early release and reintegration of the convict into the community.

SECTION 2. Definition of Terms. — As used in these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires —

- a. "Act" refers to Presidential Decree No. 1866;
- b. "Convict" refers to a prisoner who is serving a final sentence involving deprivation of liberty for the commission of any of the offenses that are enumerated in Section 3 of these Rules;
- c. "Director" refers to the Director of the Bureau of Corrections;
- d. "Warden" refers to the warden of a provincial or city jail;
- e. "Secretary" refers to the Secretary of the Department of Justice.

SECTION 3. Coverage. — These Rules shall apply to a convict who is found guilty of any, of the following offenses penalized under the Act:

- a. Unlawfully manufacturing, dealing in, acquiring, disposing or possessing any firearm, part of firearm, ammunition, or machinery, tool or instrument used or intended to be used in the manufacture of any firearm or ammunition;
- b. Willfully or knowingly allowing, on the part of the owner, president, manager, director or other responsible officer of any public or private firm, company, corporation or entity, any of the firearms owned by such firm, company, corporation or entity to be used by any person or persons found guilty of the offenses described