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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS, PRESIDING OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIAN AT ALL LEVELS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS, THE ARMM REGIONAL GOVERNOR AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : REGULATING THE SALE, MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF FIRECRACKERS, POLYVINYL PIPE "BOGA" AND OTHER PYROTECHNIC DEVICES

In furtherance of public safety, order and national security during the upcoming holiday celebrations, pursuant to Republic Act No. 7183, *An Act Regulating the Sale, Manufacture, Distribution and Use of Firecrackers and Other Pyrotechnic Devices*, all Local Chief Executives and Sanggunian Members are hereby encouraged to:

- a. establish "Fire and Pyrotechnic Zones" in their localities, to serve as designated area where the people may sell firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices,
- b. designate an area where the people may use said firecrackers and other pyrotechnic devices;
- c. observe the common types of firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices allowed under RA 7183 that may be manufactured, sold, distributed and used, such as:

❖ FIRECRACKERS:

- baby rocket,
- "bawang,"
- small *triangulo*,
- pulling of strings,
- paper caps,
- *el diablo*,
- *Judah's belt*,
- sky rocket (*kwitis*), and
- other types equivalent to the foregoing in explosive content,


❖ PYROTECHNIC DEVICES:

- sparklers (usually made of black powder on a piece of wire or inside a paper tube designed to light up and flow after igniting),
- *luces* (any of several kind of sparklers),
- fountain (a kind of sparkler conical in shape which is lighted on the ground and designed to provide various rising colors and intermittent lights upon being ignited),
- jumbo (regular and special),
- mabuhay (sparklers bunched into a bundle of a dozen pieces),
- Roman candle,
- *trompillo*,

- airwolf (a kind of sky rocket shaped like an airplane with a propeller to rise about 40 or 50 feet and provide various kinds of light while aloft),
 - whistle device (various kinds of firecrackers or pyrotechnic devices designed to either simply emit a whistle-like sound or explode afterwards upon being ignited),
 - butterfly,
 - all kinds of pyrotechnic devices (*pailaw*), and
 - other types equivalent to the foregoing devices;
- d. convene their local Peace and Order Councils or Committees in order to incorporate in the Public Safety Plans a specific project aimed at protecting their constituents from the danger brought about by the use of firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices, and to ensure that police and other law enforcement agencies in their jurisdictions shall implement this specific project;
- e. take the lead in the conduct of an information campaign on the danger that the polyvinyl chloride pipe “boga” may cause to the user or to others; and
- f. enact an ordinance, as may be necessary or if justified, totally prohibiting the manufacture, sale, distribution and use of any firecracker and pyrotechnic devices, if there is reasonable ground to believe that radical groups may take advantage of the holiday season’s merriment for their lawless designs, and promote an alternative form of revelry.

All DILG Regional Directors and the ARMM Regional Governor are directed to cause the immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular to all local government units within their regional jurisdictions.

For strict compliance.


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Secretary

