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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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TO

ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, BARMM CHIEF MINISTER,

CITY AND MUNICIPAL MAYORS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS, DILG FIELD OFFICERS, BARMM MINISTER OF LOCAL

GOVERNMENT AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT

ENJOINING SUPPORT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11337 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE

"INNOVATIVE STARTUP ACT" AND ITS IMPLEMENTING

RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR)

Republic Act No. 11337 otherwise known as the Innovative Startup Act was signed by President Roa Duterte on April 26, 2019. This Act aimed to streamline government and non-government initiatives in both local and international spheres in order to create new jobs and opportunities, improve production, and advance innovation and trade in the country.

The Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of RA 11337 was signed on November 22, 2019. Pursuant to Chapter 1, Rule 3, Section 4 (b) of the IRR:

The DTI, in coordination with ARTA and DICT, and concerned national and local government agencies, including, but not limited, to the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), shall provide the venue for ease of starting their business to allow for the seamless business registration of startups and remove regulatory, informal and other obstacles to their innovative undertaking, which include the following:

(i.) Establishment of a one-stop shop (the Startup Business One-Stop Shop, or Startup BOSS) where end-to-end registration of startups may be facilitated; it shall serve as a platform containing all information on the legal and regulatory processes involved from opening, operating, to closing or exiting a startup, in consonance with RA 11032, otherwise known as the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018 and other similar laws;

(ii.) Coordination with respective LGUs and other concerned government agencies, through DTI field offices (such as Negosyo Centers) for the processing of application of permits and licenses of startups.

In line with this, the local government units (LGUs) are enjoined to support the implementation of RA 11337 specifically in the establishment of the one-stop shop that will ease up the process of business registration, among other requirements for startups.

All DILG Regional Directors and Field Officers are directed to cause the widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular within their respective areas of jurisdiction.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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Secretary

