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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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SUBJECT:

PROVISION OF RICE SUBSIDY TO THE UNIFORMED PERSONNEL OF THE BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY (BJMP) AND BUREAU OF FIRE

PROTECTION (BFP)

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-Bureau of Fire Protection, Special Provision No. 5, "Rice Subsidy", Volume I-A, page 1198, DILG-Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, Special Provision No. 5, "Rice Subsidy", Volume I-A, page 1203, and DILG-Philippine National Police, Special Provision No. 8, "Rice Subsidy", Volume I-A, page 1223, of the FY 2017 General Appropriations Act (RA 10924), state that the amount appropriated for rice subsidy shall be given in the form of a cash allowance, which shall be equivalent to twenty (20) kilos of rice per month.
- 1.2 Under the President's Veto Message, Vol. 112, No. 1., "E. Rice Subsidy for Military and Uniformed Personnel", the DILG and DND are directed to ensure that the grant of rice subsidy, chargeable against the agency's maintenance and other operating expenses, is received by the military and uniformed personnel in a timely and efficient manner.

2.0 PURPOSE

This Memorandum Circular is being issued to prescribe the guidelines on the implementation of the grant of rice subsidy to the uniformed personnel of the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) and Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) in recognition of their diligent efforts and support to the government's fight against criminality, illegal drugs and corruption.

3.0 COVERAGE

The grant of rice subsidy authorized herein shall cover only the uniformed personnel of the BJMP and BFP.

4.0 GENERAL GUIDELINES

4.1 Heads of the BJMP and BFP are authorized to provide rice subsidy to their uniformed personnel.

- 4.2 The rice subsidy shall be granted in the form of cash allowance, which shall be equivalent to twenty (20) kilos of rice per month.
- 4.3 No rice, rice voucher and/or its equivalent shall be distributed to the uniformed personnel.
- 4.4 The personnel concerned shall be paid on a monthly basis effective January 2017.
- 4.5 Heads of the agencies shall formulate their respective internal rules and procedures in the grant of the herein rice subsidy.

5.0 FUND SOURCE

The funds necessary for the implementation of the rice subsidy shall be sourced from the respective appropriations of the agencies for maintenance and other operating expenses under FY 2017 GAA.

6.0 RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL CONCERNED

- 6.1 The Head of the agency shall be held responsible for the implementation of the provisions of this Circular.
- 6.2 He shall ensure that the rice subsidy shall be received by the uniformed concerned personnel in a timely and efficient manner.
- 6.3 He shall be held personally liable for any payment of rice subsidy not in accordance with the provisions of this Circular without prejudice, however, to the refund of any unauthorized or excess payment received by the personnel concerned.

7.0 EFFECTIVITY

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

ISMAEL D. SUENO Secretary

