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NATIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

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NSWMC Resolution No. 1363, Series of 2020

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR) TO PREPARE AND IMPLEMENT THE BANNING OF THE USE OF UNNECESSARY SINGLE-USE PLASTICS BY NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES (NGAs), LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) OFFICES AND ALL OTHER GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED OFFICES

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act (RA) 9003 states that it is the policy of the state to adopt a systematic, comprehensive and ecological solid waste management system which shall set guidelines and targets for solid waste avoidance and volume reduction through source reduction and waste minimization measures;

WHEREAS, the enactment of RA 9003 institutionalized the creation of the National Solid Waste Management Commission (NSWMC), an inter-agency body that is mandated to oversee the implementation of the solid waste management plans and prescribe policies to achieve the objectives of the Act;

WHEREAS, Section 8(f) of RA 9003 states that it is the function of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to recommend policies to eliminate barriers to waste reduction programs;

WHEREAS, the following materials are considered as unnecessary single-use plastics:

1. Plastic cups (lower than 0.2 mm in thickness);
2. Plastic drinking straws;
3. Plastic coffee stirrers;
4. Plastic spoons;
5. Plastic forks;
6. Plastic knives; and
7. Plastic labo and thin-filmed sando bags (lower than 15 microns).

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide specific guidelines for National Government Agencies (NGAs), Local Government Units (LGUs) offices, and all other government controlled offices in banning the use of unnecessary single-use plastics as a solid waste avoidance and minimization strategy;

WHEREAS, the Commission after dividing the house, the members voted as follows:

In favor:

1. Department of Environment and Natural Resources
2. Department of Agriculture
3. Department of the Interior and Local Government
4. Department of Public Works and Highways
5. League of Cities of the Philippines
6. Metro Manila Development Authority
7. Philippine Information Agency
8. Technical Education and Skills Development Authority

Against:

1. Recycling Industry
2. Manufacturing/Packaging Industry


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Abstained:

1. Department of Science and Technology
2. Department of Trade and Industry

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, for the DENR to prepare and implement the banning of the use of unnecessary single-use plastics by National Government Agencies, Local Government Units Offices, and all other Government Controlled Offices as a solid waste avoidance and minimization strategy.

APPROVED on this 12th day of February, 2020.


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