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**SUBJECT : PROVISIONAL GUIDELINES ON THE HAZARDOUS WASTES
MANAGEMENT DURING THE EXTENDED ENHANCED
COMMUNITY QUARANTINE PERIOD**

Pursuant to the implementation of the Extended Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) over the selected regions and provinces of the Philippines, and pursuant to the need for the continued and unhampered-operations and management, transportation, treatment and disposal of hazardous waste of essential industries listed in the DTI Memorandum Circular 20-08 and following the most recent DTI detailed list of sectors allowed during the ECQ and GCQ as approved during the 27 April 2020 IATF COVID-19 meeting which among others include power generation, drug and pharmaceutical, food manufacturing and processing, export and import oriented industries in or outside the economic or freeport zones, and others in the field of public health and safety, the following provisional guidelines consistent with DENR Administrative Order No. 2013-22 are hereby temporarily implemented.

Section 1. *Basic Policy.*

It is the policy of the state to:

- a. Continuously monitor the transport, treatment, storage, and disposal of hazardous wastes in order to prevent or avoid the likelihood of environmental contamination and disaster to happen; and
- b. Provide temporary protocols for waste generators, transporters, and treaters, local government units, law enforcement authorities, and other stakeholders in the smooth implementation of proper hazardous waste management.

Section 2. *Coverage.*

This Provisional Guidelines shall be for Registered Transporters and Registered TSD Facilities which respectively haul and treat and dispose healthcare wastes and other hazardous wastes.

Section 3. *Simplification of Existing Procedures.*

The Environmental Management Bureau shall simplify existing requirements and procedures for the issuance of Permit to Transport to Registered Transporters which are hauling to and from healthcare facilities and other hazardous waste generators that belong to above-enumerated essential industries and TSD Facilities. The following are the minimum supporting documents in securing Special Permit to Transport (SPTT), submitted through email at hazwaste@emb.gov.ph:

- i. Official Letter Request
- ii. Hazardous Waste Generator Registration Certificate (for other types of hazardous wastes other than healthcare wastes (M501))
- iii. Transporter Registration Certificate
- iv. TSD Registration Certificate
- v. Transport Management Plan
- vi. Schedule of Hauling and Delivery to TSD
- vii. Route of Transport/Route Plan
- viii. Memorandum of Agreement between HW Generator, Transporter, and TSD

Section 4. *Safety Protocols for Transporter and TSD Facility.*

The Registered Transporter and TSD facility must implement the health, safety, and environmental (HSE) plan in order to protect the public from the potential risk of exposure to COVID-19 virus and to other hazardous wastes. As such, a report of compliance such as manifest and certificate of treatment (COT) must be made after each completed transport and treatment, respectively.

Waste Transporter's Vehicles shall have all required markings attached to the sides and back of conveyance. The markings must be appropriate, legible, and readable up to 15 meters from the vehicle. The following are the minimum markings:

- a. Name and Transport ID of waste transporter;
- b. Waste Class and Waste Number
- c. Placard (Signage) corresponding to the wastes being transported.

Section 5. *Reporting Mechanism.*

The registered Transporter shall submit a report of compliance and completion of transport or the manifest, the same to be attested by the duly designated representative or PCO of the healthcare facility or hazardous waste generator and the TSD, within twenty-four (24) hours for healthcare wastes (M501) and seven (7) days for other hazardous wastes respectively, after the delivery to the TSD Facility.

The registered TSD shall, likewise, submit a report of compliance and completion of treatment or the certificate of treatment (COT), to be attested by their duly designated representative or PCO, within seven (7) days for healthcare wastes (M501) and twenty-one (21) days for other types of hazardous wastes after completion of treatment, respectively.

Section 6. *Effectivity.*

This Provisional Guidelines shall be effective from 30 April 2020 onwards, unless the Enhanced Community Quarantine, or any modification to the same is otherwise sooner fully lifted or extended.

Issued this 30th day of April 2020.


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