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**DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2023 - 02**

**SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 11898**

Pursuant to Section 11 of Republic Act No. 11898, otherwise known as "An Act Institutionalizing The Extended Producer Responsibility On Plastic Packaging Waste", amending for this purpose Republic Act No. 9003, otherwise known as the "Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000", also known by its short titles as the "Extended Producer Responsibility Act of 2022" or as "EPR Act of 2022", and by virtue of Executive Order No. 192, Series of 1987, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources hereby adopts and promulgates the following rules and regulations.

PART I: GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. Title. These Rules shall be known and cited as the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the EPR Act of 2022 (hereto attached as "Annex A"), or hereinafter referred to as "EPR IRR", for brevity

SECTION 2. Purpose. These Rules are promulgated to revise, where applicable, DENR Administrative Order No. 2001-34, Series of 2001, otherwise known as the "Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 9003" or "RA 9003 IRR" and to incorporate and prescribe therein the procedures and guidelines for the implementation of the EPR Act of 2022 in order to facilitate compliance therewith and achieve the objectives thereof.

SECTION 3. Scope. The EPR IRR shall lay down the powers and functions of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the Department of Trade and Industry, all other concerned agencies and local government units, the rights and obligations of stakeholders and the rights and duties of the people with respect to the implementation of the EPR Act of 2022.

SECTION 4. Construction. The EPR IRR shall be liberally construed to carry out the national policy of adopting a systematic, comprehensive, and ecological solid waste management program, institutionalizing the extended producer responsibility mechanism as a practical approach to efficient waste management, in accordance with internationally accepted principles on sustainable consumption and production, circular economy, and producers' full responsibility throughout the life cycle of their product.

PART II. DECLARATION OF STATE POLICY

SECTION 5. Basic Policy. It is hereby declared the policy of the State to adopt a systematic, comprehensive, and ecological solid waste management program which shall:

- 5.1. Ensure the protection of public health and environment;
- 5.2. Utilize environmentally-sound methods that maximize the utilization of valuable resources and encourage resources conservation and recovery;
- 5.3. Set guidelines and targets for solid waste avoidance and volume reduction through source reduction and waste minimization measures, including composting, recycling, re-use, recovery, green charcoal process, and others, before collection, treatment, and disposal in appropriate and environmentally-sound solid waste management facilities in accordance with ecologically sustainable development principles;
- 5.4. Ensure the proper segregation, collection, transport, storage, treatment, and disposal of solid waste through the formulation and adoption of the best environmental practices in solid waste management excluding incineration;
- 5.5. Promote national research and development programs for improved solid waste management and resource conservation techniques, more effective institutional arrangement and indigenous and improved methods of waste reduction, collection, separation, and recovery;
- 5.6. Encourage greater private sector participation in solid waste management;
- 5.7. Retain primary enforcement and responsibility of solid waste management with local government units while establishing a cooperative effort among the national government, other local government units, non-government organizations, and the private sector;
- 5.8. Encourage cooperation and self-regulation among waste generators through the application of market-based instruments;
- 5.9. Integrate public participation in the development and implementation of national and local comprehensive, and ecological solid waste management programs;
- 5.10. Strengthen the integration of ecological solid waste management and resource conservation and recovery topics into the academic curricula of formal and non-formal education in order to promote environmental awareness and action among the citizenry; and
- 5.11. Institutionalize the extended producer responsibility mechanism as a practical approach to efficient waste management, focusing on waste reduction, recovery and recycling, and the development of environment-friendly products that advocate the internationally accepted principles on sustainable consumption and production, circular economy, and producers' full responsibility throughout the life cycle of their product.

PART III. DEFINITION OF TERMS

SECTION 6. Definition of Terms. For the purpose of this EPR IRR, the following words, phrases, abbreviations, or acronyms shall have the following meanings:

- 6.1. "*Act*" shall refer to Republic Act No. 9003, otherwise known as the "Philippine Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000".
- 6.2. "*Bureau*" or "*EMB*" shall refer to the Environmental Management Bureau.