Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

October 18, 2017

Gentlemen:

In support of the Philippine Government's effort to promote the utilization of alternative and clean fuel technology consistent with the objectives of the Clean Air Act of 1999 and the continuing policies and programs of the Department in updating fuel quality specifications in term of the current requirements of the industry, its users and manufacturers, the Department of Energy's Technical Committee on Petroleum Products and Additives (DOE/TCPPA) developed, reviewed and subsequently promulgated by BPS the PNS/DOE QS 005:2016 and PNS/DOE QS 012:2016 as the latest and current standard specifications for liquefied petroleum gases for non-motor fuel and motor fuel respectively, superseding PNS/DOE QS 005:2005.

To effectively implement the Philippine National Standard for Liquefied Petroleum Gases, the DOE/TCPPA prepared a draft Department Circular entitled:

> IMPLEMENTING THE MODIFIED PHILIPPINE NATIONAL STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GASES (PNS/DOE QS 005:2016 AND PNS/DOE QS 012:2016)

Enclosed is a copy of the draft department circular for your comments.

We appreciate receiving your comments/positions thru mail or email at alvin.lim@doe.gov.ph or tcppasecretariat@gmail.com on or before November 6, 2017 for it to be considered in the finalization of the department circular. Non-receipt of your comments on the specified date shall be construed as an approval of the draft department circular.

Thank you for your usual cooperation.

Very truly yours,

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DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR No. _____

IMPLEMENTING THE MODIFIED PHILIPPINE NATIONAL STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GASES (PNS/DOE QS 005:2016 AND PNS/DOE QS 012:2016)

WHEREAS, Republic Act (R.A.) No. 7638, otherwise known as "An Act Creating the Department of Energy (DOE)", tasks the DOE to formulate rules and regulations as may be necessary to guide the operations of both government and private entities involved in energy resource supply and distribution;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8749, otherwise known as the "Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999", mandates the use of environmentally clean fuels which meet specified emission standards and directs the DOE, together with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Bureau of Product Standards (BPS), and the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and other stakeholders, to set specifications for all types of fuel and fuel-related products and improve fuel composition;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the above mandate, the DOE has developed, reviewed and subsequently promulgated by BPS the PNS/DOE QS 005:2016 and PNS/DOE QS 012:2016 as the latest and current standard specifications for liquefied petroleum gases for non-motor fuel and motor fuel respectively, superseding PNS/DOE QS 005:2005;

WHEREAS, in this latest revision, the PNS for LPG was split into two general applications, namely as motor and non-motor fuel (domestic, commercial and industrial fuel), and improvements are made in the requirements on the use of odorants for health and safety considerations in both PNS;

NOW, THEREFORE, the following guidelines are hereby adopted to effectively implement the Philippine National Standard for Liquefied Petroleum Gases:

Section 1. Standard Implementation. Upon the effectivity of this Department Circular, only Liquefied Petroleum Gases conforming to PNS/DOE QS 005:2016 and PNS/DOE QS 012:2016 shall be allowed for sale at the bulk and retail levels in the country.

Section 2. Quality Monitoring. The DOE shall, among others, conduct random quality and quantity sampling and testing of liquefied petroleum gases obtained from the facilities of the oil downstream industry players to ensure compliance with Section 1 of this Department Circular.

Section 3. Penalties / Sanctions. Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this Department Circular shall be subject to appropriate sanctions imposed under applicable laws and implementing rules and regulations.

Section 4. Repealing Clause. All circulars and other issuances not consistent with this Circular are hereby deemed modified or repealed accordingly.

Section 5. Separability Clause. If for any reason, any section or provision of this circular is declared unsconstitutional or invalid, such parts not affected shall continue to remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. Effectivity and Publication. This Department Circular shall be effective upon its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation and shall remain in effect until revoked.

Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City, Metro Manila, _____, 2017.

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