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REVISED SCHEDULE OF PENALTIES IN THE LPG INDUSTRY

(Department Circular 2000-06-010 dated June 9, 2000)

Batas Pambansa Blg. 33, as amended by P. D. 1865 defined certain prohibited acts inimical to the public interest and national security involving petroleum and/or petroleum products, prescribing penalties therefore and for other purposes.

Coverage: This Department Circular shall apply to all persons or entities engaged in any and all activities involving the commerce of Liquified Petroleum Gas (LPG).

Definition of Terms:

Authorized or Appropriate LPG seal - refers to the protective cover placed on the gas outlet of an LPG cylinder, of the type that must be broken or destroyed before the LPG can flow out of the cylinder. It shall have a distinctive design, symbol, emblem or mark, identifying the owner of the LPG cylinder. The seal shall be subject to approval by the Department of Energy.

Dealer - refers to any person, whether natural or juridical, engaged in the sale of LPG bottled into cylinders under contract with an oil company or marketer who owns the brand.

 ${\it Marketer}$ - refers to any person, whether natural or juridical, engaged in the sale of LPG, whether in bulk or retail, under his own brand name.

Refiller - refers to any person, whether natural or juridical, who buys LPG in bulk from bulk suppliers, refills LPG into cylinders under his own brand name or that of other LPG marketers.

Retail Outlet - refers to one who sells LPG bottled into cylinders directly to a consumer, with a maximum floor stock of twenty (20) LPG cylinders.

Tare-weight - refers to the weight of the LPG cylinder engraved in the collar and shall be expessed in kilograms indicated to at least one-tenth (0.1) of one kilogram. The marking shall not be less than 2.0 cm in height.

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TABLE OF OFFENSES AND THEIR CORRESPONDING PENALTIES

Offense	LPG Refiller/Marketer	Dealer	LPG Retail Outlet	
1st Offense 2nd Offense		<i>E DISPLAY BOARD</i> Reprimand/warning letter Recommend suspension of business operation to the proper local government unit (LGU) Recommend business closure to the proper LGU and initiate criminal proceedings		
3rd Offense		1	J.	
	WEIGHING SCALE			
1st Offense 2nd Offense 3rd Offense	Fine of P 5,000.00 Fine of P 10,000.00 Recommend business closu	Fine of P 3,000.00 Fine of P 7,000.00 ure to the proper LGU	Reprimand Fine of P 500.00 Fine of P 1,000.00	
	TARE WEIGHT or INCORRECT TARE WEIG APPROPRIATE OR AUTHORIZED SEAL	GHT MARKINGS		
1st Offense	Fine of P 3,000.00 for each	Fine of P 2,000.00 for each	Fine of P 1,000.00 for each	
2nd Offense	cylinder per offense Fine of P 5,000.00 for each cylinder per offense	cylinder per offense Fine of P 4,000.00 for each cylinder per offense	cylinder per offense Fine of P 2,000.00 for each cylinder per offense	
3rd Offense		Recommend business closure to the proper LGU		
СО		DE NAME, UNBRANDED LPG CYLINDERS, NO SERIAL NUMBER, NO DISTINGUISHING OR EMBOSSED IDENTIFYING MARKINGS ON CYLINDER OR DISTINCTIVE COLLAR OR		
1st Offense	Fine of P 4,000.00 for each cylinder	Fine of P 3,000.00 for each cylinder	Fine of P 1,000.00 for each cylinder	
2nd Offense 3rd Offense	Fine of P 5,000.00 for each cylinder	Fine of P 4,000.00 for each cvlinder nd business closure to the prop	Fine of P 2,000.00 for each cylinder	
Section 9: UNI 1st Offense	DERFILLED LPG CYLINDERS Fine of P 4,000.00 for each	Fine of P 3,000.00 for each	Fine of P 1,000.00 for each	
	cylinder	cylinder	cylinder	
2nd Offense	Fine of P 6,000.00 for each cylinder	Fine of P 4,000.00 for each cylinder	Fine of P 2,000.00 for each cylinder	
3rd Offense		Recommend business closure to the proper LGU		
LIM	ITED TO CHANGING THE VALVE, REPAINTIN	NG, ALTERING OR MODIFYING OF LPG CYLINDER THRU ANY MEANS SUCH AS BUT NOT TO CHANGING THE VALVE, REPAINTING, AND RELABELLING BY ANY PERSON OR ENTITY HAN THE LEGITIMATE AND REGISTERED OWNER OF THE SAME.		
1st Offense	Fine of P 5,000.00 for each cylinder	Fine of P 3,000.00 for each cylinder	Fine of P 1,500.00 for each cylinder	
2nd Offense	Fine of P 10,000.00 for each cylinder	Fine of P 5,000.00 for each cylinder	Fine of P 3,000.00 for each cylinder	
3rd Offense	Recomm	end business closure to the pro	oper LGU	
		DRIZED DECANTING OR REFILLING OF LPG CYLINDERS		
1st Offense 2nd Offense		Fine of P 5,000.00 for each cylinder Fine of P 10,000.00 for each cylinder		
2nd Offense 3rd Offense		Recommend business closure to the proper LGU		
Section 13: REI ME	FUSAL TO ALLOW OR COOPERATE WITH DU	G OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS INCLUDING LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS (LPG) TO ALLOW OR COOPERATE WITH DULY AUTHORIZED INSPECTORS OF THE DEPART ENERGY IN THE CONDUCT OF THEIR INSPECTION/INVESTIGATION, WHETHER REGULAR ITINARY OR COMPLAINT-INITIATED		
1st Offense 2nd Offense	Fin	e of P 10,000.00 for each cylin sure to the proper LGU and init		

For further details, refer to Department Circular 2000-06-010 and Batas Pambansa 33.