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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE  
**BUREAU OF CUSTOMS**

28 April 2015

**CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
NO. 45-2015

**TO: All Deputy Commissioners  
All Directors and Chiefs  
All District / Port Collectors  
And All Others Concerned**

**SUBJECT: Registration Amnesty for Non-Compliant Do-It-Yourself and  
Hobby Items Classified as Household / Urban Hazardous  
Substance (HUHS) Products**

Attached herewith is the letter of Dr. Janette P. Loreto-Garin, Secretary, Department of Health (DOH), dated 27 March 2015, informing the Bureau of the registration amnesty for do-it-yourself and hobby items, which are classified as household / urban hazardous substance products under Department Circular No. 2015-0098 of the DOH. This will, in effect, allow the movement of the specified goods by FDA-licensed establishments through the ports, including those products which are still to be registered or notified with the FDA.

For information and compliance.

Please confirm the dissemination of this circular throughout your offices within fifteen (15) days from receipt thereof.

  
**ALBERTO D. LINA**  
Commissioner  
  
Bureau of Customs  
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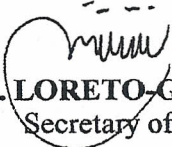
TO : All Manufacturers, Traders and Distributors  
(Importers, Exporters, Wholesalers) of Do-It-Yourself Products  
and Hobby Items Classified as Household/Urban Hazardous  
Substances (HUHS) Products

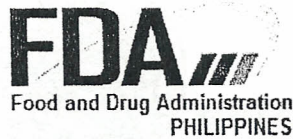
SUBJECT : **RE-ISSUANCE OF REGISTRATION AMNESTY FOR  
NON-COMPLIANT DO-IT-YOURSELF AND HOBBY  
ITEMS CLASSIFIED AS HOUSEHOLD/URBAN HAZARDOUS  
SUBSTANCES (HUHS) PRODUCTS**

In view of the school supplies stakeholders' request for extension of registration amnesty and finding such request reasonable, the same is hereby **extended until 31 December 2015 only** to allow concerned school supplies manufacturers, traders and distributors (importers, exporters, wholesalers) to comply with the product notification requirements of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) prior to the market of do-it-yourself and hobby items classified as household/urban hazardous substances (HUHS) products. The other requirements set in FDA Circular No. 2013-013 is, however, reiterated and shall be adhered to by the above-mentioned establishments.

On the other hand, during the period of registration amnesty set above, the FDA is directed to review all its regulation pertaining to do-it-yourself and hobby items classified as household/urban hazardous substances (HUHS) products and to submit its recommendation to the Office of the Secretary for consideration not later than 01 December 2015.

This Circular shall take effect immediately. For the guidance of all concerned.

  
JANETTE P. LORETO-GARIN, MD, MBA-H  
Secretary of Health



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Health  
**FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION**



#### IV. Guidelines

1. A License to Operate (LTO) shall be secured from the Center for Cosmetic Regulation and Research (CCRR) before an applicant can file an application for market authorization.
2. The market authorization holder (MAH) is responsible for ensuring that the product in the market meets the FDA standards for safety and quality.
3. All establishments without valid FDA LTOs should secure a License to Operate compliant with the existing rules and regulations as prescribed in the FDA Circular 2013-009- Revised Guidelines on Licensing of HUHS.
4. An amnesty for a period of one (1) year shall be granted to all licensed establishments.
5. All licensed establishments should file an appropriate market authorization. During the amnesty period, the licensed establishments shall prepare all the necessary relevant documents in compliance with the registration requirements for HUHS products.
6. Within the amnesty period, there will be no sanctions or penalties that will be enforced against non-compliant establishments or their products; *Provided* that no unresolved safety and quality issues or concerns regarding the product exist.
7. All applications filed before the approval of this Circular shall be processed accordingly by the CCRR.
8. The CCRR reserves the right to ask for additional requirements to verify or validated claims and to determine the safety and quality of the product. Additional label may be required to ensure the safe use of the product, among others
9. All applicants shall be requested to submit all application requirements to the CCRR or other FDA offices. When an on-line application is available at [fda.gov.ph](http://fda.gov.ph), the applicant has the option to file their application electronically.
10. The LTO and Certificate of Product Listing shall be issued by the FDA only when the requirements have been complied and the standards are met.

#### V. REQUIREMENTS

##### A. License to Operate

1. The following is the set of requirements for application of license as HHS establishment as trader, distributor or manufacturer: