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CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 137-2024

TO : ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
ALL DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS
ALL DIRECTORS AND DIVISION CHIEFS
ALL DISTRICT AND SUB-PORT COLLECTORS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : IMPLEMENTATION OF DOE OIMB DEPARTMENT
CIRCULAR DC2024-05-0014: "GUIDELINES ON BIOFUEL
BLEND IMPLEMENTATION"

The Department of Energy – Oil Industry Management Bureau (DOE–OIMB) Department Circular DC2024-05-0014: "Guidelines on Biofuel Blend Implementation." The circular mandates the following increased biodiesel blend requirements for Downstream Oil Industry (DOI) participants:

- **3% biodiesel blend effective October 1, 2024¹**
- **4% biodiesel blend effective October 1, 2025**
- **5% biodiesel blend effective October 1, 2026**

For records purposes, please disseminate this circular throughout your respective offices and submit the necessary confirmation within fifteen (15) days from receipt hereof.

For your guidance and reference.

BIENVENIDO Y. RUBIO
Commissioner



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¹ Effective date on distribution and selling by DOIs





DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. DC 2024-05-0014

GUIDELINES ON BIOFUEL BLEND IMPLEMENTATION

WHEREAS, Section 5 of RA 7638, otherwise known as the "Department of Energy Act of 1992," as amended by Section 37 of Republic Act No. 9136, otherwise known as the "Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001," empowers the Department of Energy (DOE) to formulate, plan, and implement comprehensive programs for the efficient supply and economical use of energy consistent with the approved national economic plan, policies on environmental protection and conservation and maintenance of ecological balance, and provide a mechanism for the integration, rationalization, and coordination of the various energy programs of the Government;

WHEREAS, Section 5 of RA 7638, as amended by Section 37 of RA 9136, further empowers the DOE to formulate and implement programs for the judicious and efficient use of energy in all energy-consuming sectors of the economy and a program for the accelerated development of non-conventional energy systems and the promotion and commercialization of its applications;

WHEREAS, Section 15(f) of RA 8479, otherwise known as the "Downstream Oil Industry Deregulation Act of 1998," provides that, concomitant with the policy of ensuring a continuous, adequate and economic supply of energy, the DOE has the power under Section 5 of RA 7638 to establish and administer programs for the exploration, transportation, marketing, distribution, utilization, conservation, stockpiling, and storage of energy resources of all forms, whether conventional or nonconventional;

WHEREAS, Section 26 of RA 8749, otherwise known as the "Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999," directs the DOE, together with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), and in consultation with the Bureau of Product Standards (BPS), the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and other stakeholders, to set the specifications for all types of fuel and fuel-related products, and prescribing penalties for violations thereof;

WHEREAS, Section 5 of RA 9367, otherwise known as the "Biofuels Act of 2006" (Biofuels Act), mandates that all liquid fuels for motors and engines sold in the Philippines shall contain locally-sourced biofuel component conforming to the Philippine National Standards (PNS);

WHEREAS, Section 9(f) of RA 9367 provides that the National Biofuels Board (NBB) is authorized to recommend specific actions to be executed by the DOE and other appropriate government agencies concerning the implementation of the National Biofuels Program, including its economic, technical, environment and social impact;

WHEREAS, on 05 February 2009, the DOE issued Department Circular (DC) No. DC2009-02-0002 mandating the implementation of two percent (2%) biodiesel blend by volume into all diesel fuel sold and distributed by each and every oil company in the country;

WHEREAS, on 06 February 2012, the DOE issued DC No. DC2011-02-0001 mandating the implementation of ten percent (10%) bioethanol blend by volume into all gasoline fuel sold and distributed by each and every oil company in the country;

WHEREAS, on 27 December 2021, the BPS promulgated the PNS/DOE QS 015:2021 and PNS/DOE QS 016:2021 as the current separate standard specifications for ADOB3 and IDOB3, respectively;

WHEREAS, on 31 October 2023, the BPS promulgated the PNS/DOE QS 019:2023 as the current standard specifications for gasoline containing twenty percent (20%) bioethanol blend (E20);

WHEREAS, there is a global thrust towards the harmonization of fuel quality standards and specifications, and vehicle technology and emission standards in consideration of the environment, vehicle performance, health and safety and ease in international trade;

WHEREAS, following the drastic increase in the cost of fuel over the past years as a consequence of the Ukraine-Russia conflict, production cuts by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) Plus, and global inflation, the NBB has determined that an increase in the bioethanol blend will reduce the pump price of diesel and gasoline fuel and help alleviate the burden of rising prices on consumers;

WHEREAS, on 28 November 2023, the NBB, in its Resolution No. 2023-04, Series of 2023, approved the recommendation to the DOE for the mandatory biodiesel blend into all diesel fuel sold and distributed by each oil company in the country at three percent (3%) in 2024, four percent (4%) in 2025 and five percent (5%) in 2026;

WHEREAS, on 28 November 2023, the NBB, in its Resolution No. 2023-03, Series of 2023, likewise approved the recommendation to the DOE for the voluntary implementation by any oil company of the twenty percent (20%) bioethanol blend as an additional fuel option to consumers;

WHEREAS, the DOE conducted consultations with stakeholders, specifically the biofuel producers and the downstream oil industry, on the implementing guidelines for the new blend requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the DOE hereby issues, adopts, and promulgates the following:

Section 1. Scope and Application.

This DC shall apply to all Downstream Oil Industry (DOI) participants and the local biofuel producer industries.

Section 2. Mandatory Implementation of Higher Biodiesel Blend.

All diesel fuel distributed and sold by all DOI participants in the country shall contain biodiesel blend at three percent (3%) effective 01 October 2024, four percent (4%) effective 01 October 2025, and five percent (5%) effective 01 October 2026.

Section 3. Voluntary Implementation of the Twenty Percent (20%) Bioethanol Blend.

The DOI participants may offer consumers gasoline fuel containing twenty percent (20%) bioethanol blend on a voluntary basis.

Section 4. Compliance with Product Quality Standard.

The DOI participants shall strictly comply with the applicable DOE DCs with respect to the Philippine National Standards (PNS) for diesel and gasoline with biofuel blend.

Section 5. Compliance of DOI Participants with the Accreditation, Notification and Reportorial Requirements Pursuant to the Biofuels Act.

5.1 Biodiesel.

The DOI participants shall comply with the accreditation, notification and reportorial requirements prescribed in DOE DC No. DC2021-06-0014, otherwise known as the "Revised Circular on Accreditation and Submission of Notices and Reports by Refiners, Importers, and Own Users of Gasoline and Diesel Pursuant to the Biofuels Act," with the following amended report to reflect the increase in the percentage of biofuel blend:

Annex QRB-B or the Quarterly Reconciliation Report on the Biodiesel Blending Compliance for three percent (3%), four percent (4%), and five percent (5%) blend.

5.2 Bioethanol.

- a. The DOI participants implementing the mandatory ten percent (10%) bioethanol blend shall comply with the accreditation, notification and reportorial requirements prescribed in DOE DC No. DC2021-06-0014, otherwise known as the "Revised Circular on Accreditation and Submission of Notices and Reports by Refiners, Importers, and Own Users of Gasoline and Diesel Pursuant to the Biofuels Act".
- b. A DOI participant offering consumers gasoline containing the twenty percent (20%) bioethanol blend is required to submit to the DOE-Oil Industry Management Bureau (OIMB) the following notifications and reports containing information on the twenty percent (20%) bioethanol blend implementation:
 - i. Notification Requirements:

1. Annex A - Letter-notification to the DOE-OIMB of its intent to offer the twenty percent (20%) bioethanol blend with a list of participating liquid fuel retail outlet/s;
 2. Annex B - Notice to Import Gasoline for E20 Implementation;
 3. Annex C - Notice to Import Bioethanol for E20 Implementation;
 4. Annex D - Notice to Purchase Locally-Sourced Bioethanol for E20 Implementation;
 5. Annex E - Notice to Sell or Purchase Imported Bioethanol for E20 Implementation; and
 6. Annex F - Notice to Denature Imported Bioethanol for E20 Implementation.
- ii. Reportorial Requirements:
1. Annex MR-SUMM-Bioethanol – Monthly Report on Bioethanol Supply and Demand Summary for E20 Implementation;
 2. Annex MRE-A – Monthly Report on Bioethanol Importation for E20 Implementation;
 3. Annex MRE-B – Monthly Report on Local Purchase of Imported Bioethanol for E20 Implementation;
 4. Annex MRE-C – Monthly Report on Purchase of Locally-Sourced Bioethanol in Compliance with the Local Monthly Allocation (LMA) for E20 Implementation;
 5. Annex MRE-D – Monthly Report on Local Sale of Imported Bioethanol for E20 Implementation;
 6. Annex MRE-E – Monthly Report on Bioethanol Denaturing Liquidation for E20 Implementation;
 7. Annex QRE-A – Quarterly Projected Sales Report for E20 Implementation;
 8. Annex QRE-B – Quarterly Planned Liftings in Compliance with the Bioethanol LMA for E20 Implementation;
 9. Annex QRE-C – Quarterly Reconciliation Report on Bioethanol LMA Compliance for E20 Implementation; and
 10. Annex QRE-D – Quarterly Reconciliation Report on the Bioethanol Blending Compliance for E20 Implementation.

Section 6. Preparatory Requirements.

6.1 Downstream Oil Industry.

The downstream oil industry shall implement measures to ensure that all requirements for the transition to the higher biofuel blend are in place on or before the date set in this DC for diesel, and for gasoline, on or before the twenty percent (20%) bioethanol blend is offered to customers.

a. Refinery, Depot, and Import Terminal.

Among others, the DOI participants shall implement the following:

1. Sufficient and compatible storage capacity to accommodate the expected increase in biofuel supply;
2. Sufficient blending facility and implementation of accurate blending procedure; and
3. Sufficient and compatible transport system to accommodate the delivery of higher biofuel blend.

b. Retail Outlets.

If a DOI participant implements the twenty percent (20%) bioethanol blend, it shall:

1. Provide for dedicated storage tank;
2. Provide for dedicated dispensing pump;
3. Ensure the conspicuous posting at the dispensing pumps of the required advisory stickers as provided in the DOE DC implementing E-gasoline fuel (E20) specifications; and
4. Give proper precautions and inform the vehicle owner of the advisory before proceeding with dispensing the E20 gasoline to the vehicle.

6.2 Biofuel Producers.

The biofuel producers shall ensure the requirements for the expected increase in demand for biofuel are met. Among others, the biofuel producers shall ensure the following:

1. Sufficient feedstock to produce or to meet the demand for higher biofuel blend;
2. Sufficient production to supply the demand for higher blend;
3. Biofuel product quality assurance in accordance with PNS;

4. Sufficient and compatible storage capacity to accommodate the expected increase in biofuel supply;
5. Appropriate logistics in transporting and distributing biofuel products; and
6. Compliance with reportorial requirements under the Joint Administrative Order No. 2008-1 Series of 2008.

Section 7. Mandatory NBB Review.

The NBB shall review industry conditions following the full implementation of increasing biodiesel blend to B3 in 2024, B4 in 2025, and B5 in 2026.

Section 8. Separability Clause.

Should any provision of this DC be subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional, such parts that are not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 9. Repealing Clause.

All other rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this DC are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 10. Effectivity.

This DC shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation. A copy of this DC shall be filed with the University of the Philippines Law Center-Office of the National Administrative Register (UPLC-ONAR).

Issued on MAY 07 2024 at the DOE, Energy Center, Rizal Drive cor. 34th Street, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City, Metro Manila.


RAPHAEL P.M. LOTILLA
Secretary



List of Registered and Accredited Importers of Gasoline and Diesel
as of July 5, 2024

Annex A

COMPANY NAME	COMPANY ADDRESS	CONTACT PERSON	CONTACT DETAILS	VALIDITY OF ACCREDITATION	ACCREDITATION TYPE
APEX PETROCHEM OPC	Lot 819, Brgy. Calumpang, Tayabas, Quezon	Mr. LITO V. HUIFANCA	Email address: apexpetrochemopce@yahoo.com	February 15, 2025	Importer of Gasoline and Diesel
CHEVRON PHILIPPINES INC.	6/F 6750 Ayala Avenue, Makati City Suite 110 West Gate Suites, CBD Area, Sampson Road, Subic Bay Freeport Zone, Zambales	Ms. Vanessa L. Raymundo Team Lead, Regional Fuels Supply Planning Mr. Jaypee B. Daput	Email address: jmsmsior@chevron.com / vru@chevron.com Email address: jaypee.daput@era1petroleumcorp.com	February 15, 2025	Importer of Gasoline and Diesel
ERAI PETROLEUM CORPORATION	42 Teheran St. Multinational Village Brgy. Moonwalk Paranaque City	Mr. Lloyd B. Bregias Authorized Representative	Email address: compliance@relcondpor.com	February 15, 2025	Importer of Gasoline and Diesel
FELCOR PETROLEUM DEPOT CORPORATION	240 EDSA Avenue Wack-Wack Greenhills 1550 City of Mandaluyong MCR, Second District	Mr. Arvin Bathan Supply Planning Manager	Email address: abathan@felcollogistics.com	February 15, 2025	Importer of Gasoline and Diesel
FIJOLI LOGISTICS CORPORATION	Unit 313, 3rd Fl. Vira Bldg, Lots 6, 7 & 8, Greenwoods Park Rizal Highway CBD Area, Subic Bay Freeport Zone Infirmit Building, Provincial Road, Corner Marmuag Street, Centro Il. Angadanan, Isabela	Ms. Jennifer L. Medina Corporate Secretary Benjamin D. Sison, President	Email address: golderharcocommrec@ic@gmail.com Email address: jovan.sison70@gmail.com; (02) 83989908	February 15, 2025	Importer of Diesel
GOLDENSHARE COMMERCE & TRADING INC.	Unit 313, 3rd Fl. Vira Bldg, Lots 6, 7 & 8, Greenwoods Park Rizal Highway CBD Area, Subic Bay Freeport Zone Infirmit Building, Provincial Road, Corner Marmuag Street, Centro Il. Angadanan, Isabela	Ms. Tanya T. Semillan Governmental Liaison	Email address: tanya.zamillano@gmail.com	February 15, 2025	Importer of Gasoline and Diesel
INFINITI FUEL VENTURES CORPORATION	Km. 10, Sasa, Davao	Ms. Helvie R. Collado Government Relations Officer	Email address: hrcollado@elt.com.ph	February 15, 2025	Importer of Gasoline and Diesel
INSULAR OIL CORPORATION	Leti Business Center, Macapagal Ave., T-ray City Pinardec Nabulod Baluane, Tagaitan Misamis Oriental	Mr. Aljame P. Sabang Operations Supervisor	Email address: aljame.kitro2023@gmail.com	February 15, 2025	Importer of Gasoline and Diesel
LETI PETROLEUM INC.	1001 10th floor, Tekite Tower West, Exchange Road, Ortigas Center, Brgy. San Antonio, Pasig City 8th & 9th Floors, LV Lucsin Bldg., Ayala cor., Makati Avenue, Makati City	Mr. Rene Angilo D. Oratela Finance Officer Mr. Nomzu Kasagawa Vice President	Email address: hrgctrcorstruc21@gmail.com Email address: PH-LETI3@jpn.munberl.com Email address: info@lync.com/jndp inventory@gmail.com	February 15, 2025	Importer of Diesel
MARUBENI PHILIPPINES CORPORATION	FORMER BOSTON ANNEX FACILITY ARGONAUT HIGHWAY, SBFZ	Mr. Edward A. Gachico Jr. Manager	Email address: mlsantosa@petron.com/jrdomingo@petron.com	February 15, 2025	Importer of Gasoline and Diesel
MICRO DRAGON PETROLEUM INC.	Purok 5, Bagoatans, Valenzuela City, Bulidron	Mr. Roel AD D. Zanlun President	Email address: octektrcorr@gmail.com	February 15, 2025	Importer of Diesel
OCTEK REF CORPORATION	Ms. Mia S. Dejos Reyes Assistant Vice President Corporate Affairs	Ms. Mia S. Dejos Reyes	Email address: mlsantosa@petron.com/jrdomingo@petron.com	February 15, 2025	Importer of Diesel
PETRON CORPORATION	40 San Miguel Avenue, Mandaluyong City Lot 56 Alm High Ave, Subic Bay Gateway Park Phase 1, Subic Bay Freeport Zone	Mr. William C. Lee President	Email address: judithlee12@gmail.com	February 15, 2025	Importer of Gasoline and Diesel
PORTO PETROLEUM INC.	Unit 334, 3rd Floor, SIA Complex, Subic International Hotel, Sta. Rina Road, CBD, Subic Bay, Freeport Zone	Ms. Efrain B. Santiago Corporate Secretary	Email address: powerlltdcc@gmail.com	February 15, 2025	Importer of Gasoline and Diesel
POWER FILL INTERNATIONAL SUBIC INC.	32F L&G Tower, 6801 Ayala Avenue, Makati City Lot 15,1/2 Liberty Outlook Bldg., Argonaut Highway, Boston Area, Subic Bay Freeport Zone	Mr. Paul Parido J. Sanafor Corporate Support Director	Email address: paul.sanafor@pfsphils.com	February 15, 2025	Importer of Gasoline and Diesel
PTT PHILIPPINES CORPORATION	Unit D 2/F L2 Building, Ayora Terminal, Brgy. Castalans, Saraya, Quezon	Mr. Raphael Alexander S. Reyes President	Email address: rpsere@ptthinc@gmail.com	February 15, 2025	Importer of Diesel
PTT PHILIPPINES TRADING CORPORATION	22F The Tarjan Place Bldg. F, Ortigas Jr., Rd. Ortigas Center, Pasig City	Ms. Mary Nicole D. Alconcel Permits & Licenses Assistant Mr. Edgar C. Mariano	Email address: rnicole_alconcel@seadil.com.ph Email address: mtrmas@entirampc.com	February 15, 2025	Importer of Gasoline and Diesel
RYS ENERGY INC.	2281 Pasong Tamo Extension, Makati City 41st Floor, The Finance Center, 26th St. Corner, 9th Avenue, Bonifado Global City, 1535, Taguig City, Philippines	Ms. Marlon Angelle Tagaza Supply Operations Manager – Trading and Supply	Email address: may-dominique.burgos@shell.com	February 15, 2025	Importer of Gasoline and Diesel
SEAOIL PHILIPPINES INC.					
SEMINARA MINING & POWER CORPORATION					
SHELL PHILIPPINAS CORPORATION					

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SINGEL PETROLEX INC.	548 J.P. Rizal St., Brgy. Vergara Mandaluyong City 29F and Penthouse World Plaza, 5th Ave. Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City	Mr. Elm T. Soling CEO	Email address: elm@singelgroup.com	February 15, 2025	Importer of Diesel
SINOPEC HONG KONG (PHILIPPINES) CORPORATION	Global City, Taguig City	Mr. Francis Marc B. Catalig Business Development Manager	Email address: francis.mcg@sinoproc.com	February 15, 2025	Importer of Diesel
SMILE PETROLEUM OPC	Brgy. Castanas, Sarinas, Quezon Province LA Niroy/Aquino Ave., San Dionisio Paranaque City, Metro Manila	Mr. Mark Ritchel P. Osorio CEO	Email address: smilep@smileoil.com	February 15, 2025	Importer of Diesel
SOUTH AREA AUTOGAS CORP.	1509 High Street South Corporate Plaza 1, 26th St. Cor 9th Ave, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig 24th Floor, AIA Tower, 8767 Paseo de Roxas Ave., Bldg. AIA, Makati City	Mr. Andoni Miguel L. Carballo Business Development Manager	Email address: gencuho@deelnlph.com Email address: admin@sohbc.com/procurement@stoneoil.com	February 15, 2025	Importer of Diesel
STONE OF HOPE BUILDERS & DEVT CORP	38TH AND 39TH Floor Equador Tower 1, Jade Drive Ortigas Center, San Antonio, Pasig City	Ms. Jersua B. Aliman VP-Procurement	hopholdings.com	February 15, 2025	Importer of Gasoline and Diesel
TRAFUGURA PHILIPPINES, INC.	38TH AND 39TH Floor Equador Tower 1, Jade Drive Ortigas Center, San Antonio, Pasig City	Mr. Karl Mark A. Martinez Senior Manager	Email address: Mark.Martinez@trafugura.com	February 15, 2025	Importer of Gasoline and Diesel
UNIOIL PETROLEUM PHILIPPINES, INC.	Unit 119-A Charlie Building, Sible International Hotel Complex, Sta. Rita Road, Subic Bay Freeport Zone	Ms. Kristine C. Catacutan Bulk Inventory Manager	Email address: kristinecatacutan@unioil.com	February 15, 2025	Importer of Gasoline and Diesel
WARBUCKS INDUSTRIES CORPORATION (WIC)	Brgy. Castanas, Sarina, Quezon	Ms. Sherylline Marcelo, Permit Coordinator	Email address: sherylline.marcelo@rephl.ph	February 15, 2025	Importer of Gasoline and Diesel
WARBUCKS SOUTHERN CORPORATION			Email address: sherylline.marcelo@rephl.ph	February 15, 2025	Importer of Gasoline and Diesel