



EMB MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
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SUBJECT : INTERIM GUIDELINES ON ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PERMIT TO TRANSPORT (SPTT) FOR THE TRANSPORT OF HAZARDOUS WASTE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY QUARANTINE PERIOD

In view of the implementation of the Memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated 16 March 2020 on Community Quarantine over the entire Island of Luzon and Further Guidelines for the Management of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation, and pursuant to the need for the continuity of operations in the field of public health and safety, the following interim guidelines consistent with DENR Administrative Order No. 2013-22 are hereby temporarily implemented for the unhampered transportation of hazardous waste, specifically waste coming from healthcare facilities to TSD Facilities.

Section 1. *Basic Policy.* It is the policy of the state to:

- a. Continuously monitor the transportation, storage, and disposal of hazardous wastes in order to avoid environmental contamination; and
- b. Provide temporary protocols for waste generators, transporters, and treaters, local government units, law enforcement authorities, and other stakeholders in the smooth implementation of proper hazardous waste management.

Section 2. *Coverage.* This Interim Guidelines shall be for Registered Transporters and Registered TSD Facilities which respectively haul and treat and dispose healthcare wastes within the island of Luzon.

Section 3. *Exemption on Travel Ban.* Being a basic necessity and activity for delivery of health and sanitation services, the movement and operations of duly Registered Waste Transporters to collect pathological and infectious wastes from healthcare facilities shall be unhampered, hence exempted from the prohibition against transportation and operation upon presentation of the documents under Section 5 hereof and the Special Permit to Transport.

Section 4. *Simplification of Existing Procedures.* The Environmental Management Bureau shall simplify existing procedures for the issuance of Permit to Transport to Registered Transporters which are hauling to and from healthcare facilities and TSD Facilities in the island of Luzon, as follows:

- a. Registered Transporters shall provide the following details upon submission of application for Special Permit to Transport through e-mail, hazwaste@emb.gov.ph:
 - i. Official Letter Request
 - ii. Transporter Registration Certificate
 - iii. TSD Registration Certificate
 - iv. Transport Management Plan

- v. Schedule of Hauling and Delivery to TSD
- vi. Route of Transport / Route Plan
- vii. Memorandum of Agreement between HW Generator, Transporter, and Treater

Section 5. *Safety Protocols of Transporter*. The Registered Transporter must implement the health and environmental (HSE) plan in order to protect the public from the potential risk of exposure to COVID-19 virus. As such, report of compliance must be made after each completed transport.

Waste Transporter's Vehicles shall have all required markings attached to the sides and back of the conveyance. The markings must be appropriate, legible, and readable up to 15 meters from the vehicle. The following are the minimum markings:

- a. Name and Transport ID of waste transporter;
- b. Waste Class and Waste Number
- c. Placard (Signage) corresponding to the wastes being transported.

Section 6. *Suspension of Collection of Fees for the Issuance of SPTT*. The collection of all fees for the issuance of SPTT applications within the duration of the enhanced community quarantine shall be suspended. Hence, SPTT shall be issued provided that all requirements are duly submitted; *Provided*, that collection of fees on the approved/issued SPTTs shall resume when regular business operations in the Bureau are formally reinstated.

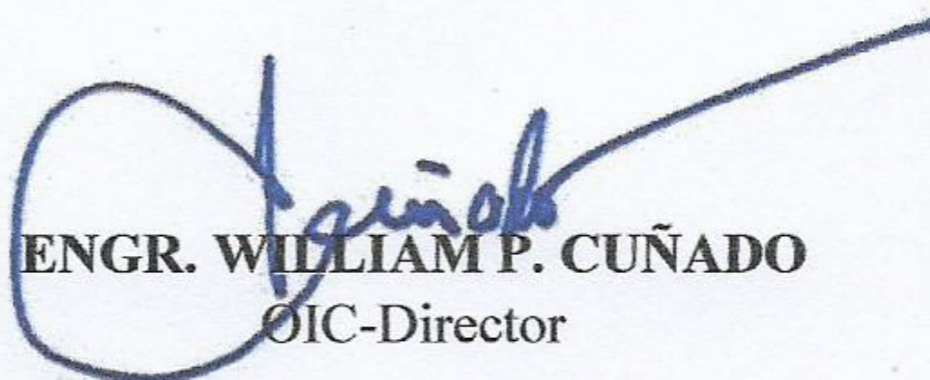
The issuance of SPTT shall not constitute as waiver for the collection of the corresponding fees.

Section 7. *Reporting Mechanism*. The Registered Transporter shall submit a report of compliance and completion of transport, the same to be attested by the representative of the healthcare facility and the TSD, within 24 hours after the delivery to the TSD Facility. For concerns, you

Data gathered shall be cascaded to the Inter Agency Task Force (IATF).

Section 8. *Public Assistance Hotline*. For reporting and other immediate concerns, you may contact the Environmental Management Bureau thru the following numbers: +63 9989008958, +63 9171379995, +63 9239567902 or thru email at mail@emb.gov.ph.

Section 9. *Effectivity*. This Interim Guidelines shall be effective immediately until 14 April 2020, unless otherwise sooner lifted or extended.


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