



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Health  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

No. 2019 - 0019

**SUBJECT: Reinstatement of Requirements of Licensing as Importers, Exporters, Manufacturers, Toll Manufacturers, Wholesalers, Distributors, Retailers or Re-Packers of Those Engaged in Certain Household/Urban Hazardous Substances, and from the Requirement of Prior Registration and/or Notification of Said Products**


Pursuant to Section 5 of Republic Act (RA) No. 3720, as amended by RA No. 9711, otherwise known as the "Food and Drug Administration Act of 2009", the four (4) Centers under the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) "*shall regulate the manufacture, importation, exportation, distribution, sale, offer for sale, transfer, promotion, advertisement, sponsorship of, and/or, where appropriate, the use and testing of health products*" through the Licensing and Registration Division which "*shall be responsible for evaluating health products and establishments as covered by this Act for the purpose of issuance of authorizations.*" For this purpose, Book I Article VII, Section 10 of the Rules and Regulations Implementing (IRR) RA No. 9711 stipulates that the Center for Cosmetics Regulation and Research (CCRR) shall have jurisdiction over cosmetic products and household/urban hazardous substances (HUHS) as defined in the same.

In view of the foregoing, the Administrative Order (AO) No. 2015-0038 dated 08 September 2015 entitled "Removing the Requirements of Licensing as Importers, Exporters, Manufacturers, Toll Manufacturers, Wholesalers, Distributors, Retailers or Re-Packers of Those Engaged in Certain Household/Urban hazardous Substances, and from the Requirement of Prior Registration and/or Notification of Said Products" is hereby repealed.

The FDA shall issue the implementing rules or guidelines consistent with this Order to further clarify the provisions stated herein and to facilitate its implementation. A transitory period of not more than three (3) months from the date of effectivity of the implementing rules or guidelines of this Order shall be provided to allow all covered establishments comply with the new guidelines.

This Order shall take effect immediately.



  
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