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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
No. 39 s. 1996

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO DOH-ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 18-A S. 1993 OR THE STANDARDS OF QUALITY AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROCESSING, PACKAGING AND LABELLING OF BOTTLED DRINKING WATER.

In the interest of consumer protection and under the authority conferred by the Consumer Act or RA 7394, Sections IV and IX of AO No. 18-A s. 1993 or the Standards of Quality and Requirements for the Processing, Packaging and Labelling of Bottled Drinking Water" are hereby amended.

Paragraph 1, Section IV of the said AO 18-A s. 1993 shall hereafter read, thus --

"1. No person or establishment shall process bottled water for introduction to commerce or for commercial distribution unless he is a holder of a valid license to operate (LTO) a processing plant for bottled water from the Bureau of Food and Drugs. However, persons or establishments operating vendito-type outlets, or filling stations are not required to secure LTO, provided that they shall not engage in the business of supplying bottled drinking water in pre-packaged containers with specific claims. In the latter case, they shall be required to comply with the requirements provided for by AO No. 18-A s. 1993."

Paragraph 9 of Section LX, AO No. 18-A s. of 1993 is likewise amended to include additional labelling-requirements, and thus, the same paragraph shall read--

"9. All other label claims and declarations shall be truthful and not misleading.

The labelling of bottled drinking water shall further include

- a) The code/batch or Lot Identification Number.
- b) The Food Registration Number or FR Number
- c) The License to Operate (LTO) Number
- d) The Expiration Date"

These requirements shall cover incoming applicants for LTO as manufacturer/processor of bottled drinking water; provided that existing licensed manufacturers/processors are given not later than six-months from the approval of this Order to comply with the additional labelling requirements herein prescribed.

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