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**BUREAU CIRCULAR**

No. 2009-004

To: All Drug Establishments and Parties Concerned

Subject: End Dates in the Importation and Distribution of Metered Dose Inhalers  
Containing Chlorofluorocarbon (CFC)

Being one of the signatory nations to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, the Philippines implements the Philippine National CFC Phase-out Plan. By the provisions in Administrative Order 156 s. 2004-Implementing Rules and Regulations for the Transition from Chlorofluorocarbon (CFC) / Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) – containing Metered Dose Inhalers (MDIs) to CFC / ODS-free Alternatives – Drugs used in the Treatment of Bronchial Asthma (BA) and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), Metered Dose Inhalers with CFC compounds used as propellants are among those products that are to be phased out.

This Office reminds all concerned that importation of CFC- containing MDIs ends on December 31, 2009 as per schedule of CFC importation program. Local distribution of CFC- containing MDIs in drug outlets, however, is allowed until December 31, 2010. Thus after the said end dates, importation and distribution of CFC- containing MDIs will be unlawful.

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