



## ANNOUNCEMENT

**TO : ALL CONCERNED E-CIGARETTE (VAPOR PRODUCT AND HEATED TOBACCO PRODUCT) STAKEHOLDERS**

**SUBJECT : PUBLICATION OF FDA CIRCULAR NO 2021-016 AND PROCESSING OF LICENSE TO OPERATE APPLICATION FOR E-CIGARETTE ESTABLISHMENTS**

**DATE : 13 AUGUST 2021**

In the interest of service, the Center for Cosmetics and Household/Urban Hazardous Substances Regulation and Research (CCHUHSRR) informs all concerned stakeholders that the FDA Circular No. 2021-016, otherwise known “*Licensing Guidelines for Vapor Product and Heated Tobacco Product Establishments under the CCHUHSRR*”, has been published last 11 August 2021 on The Manila Times newspaper and shall take effect on 26 August 2021.

Following this effectivity, the CCHUHSRR shall start accepting and processing of all License to Operate (LTO) applications, including submissions for pre-assessment received prior to the effectivity of the said Circular. For further guidance, all concerned stakeholders may access the video tutorials on User Account and LTO applications through the links provided:


1. Video Tutorial on User Account Application for Vapor Products, Heated Tobacco Products, and Household/Urban Hazardous Substances (English Version) – <https://bit.ly/UAVideoEng>
2. Video Tutorial on User Account Application for Vapor Products, Heated Tobacco Products, and Household/Urban Hazardous Substances (Filipino Version) – <https://bit.ly/UAVideoFil>
3. Video Tutorial on the Application for License to Operate for Vapor Product and Heated Tobacco Product Establishments (English Version) - <https://bit.ly/LTOVideoEng>
4. Video Tutorial on the Application for License to Operate for Vapor Product and Heated Tobacco Product Establishments (Filipino Version) - <https://bit.ly/LTOVideoFil>



Please take note that application for the LTO is voluntary following the 18-month transitory period as prescribed in the implementing rules and regulation of Republic Act Nos. 11346 and 11467. Mandatory requirement of the LTO shall be effective upon full enforcement of the said Circular on 24 May 2022.

For any concerns or inquiries, kindly contact CCHUHSRR through email at [ntru@fda.gov.ph](mailto:ntru@fda.gov.ph).

For your information and guidance.

  
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