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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1.	**Notifying Member:** PHILIPPINES **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):**
2.	**Agency responsible:** Environmental Management Bureau, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) **Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above**: ATTY. Juan Miguel T. Cuna DENR Assistant Secretary and concurrent EMB Director Environmental Management Bureau Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) DENR Compound, Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines Telefax.: (632) 928-1212 Email: Address: hazwaste@emb.gov.ph Website: http://www.emb.gov.ph
3.	**Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ ], 2.10.1 [X], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:**
4.	**Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Electrical and electronic equipment
5.	**Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Guidelines on the Environmentally Sound Management (ESM) of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) (26 pages, English)
6.	**Description of content:** The Philippines is a traditional importer and exporter of electrical and electronic equipment (EEE), both new and used, including scraps. With the global rapid advances in technology for commercial, industrial, and household products and appliances, there is a corollary increase in Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) as well as hazardous substances from the source materials involved in their manufacture and use. Recognizing the risks of these materials in part or in whole to human health and the environment and in compliance with the Basel Convention, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), through the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB), has developed this Technical Guidelines on the Environmentally Sound management (ESM) of WEEE. The draft guidelines provides the compliance framework for producers, manufacturers, consumers, distributors, retailers, treatment facilities, and other stakeholders involved in the life cycle of WEEE.

7.	**Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** The objectives of the draft guidelines are to a) Provide the framework mechanism for the appropriate management of WEEE; b) Reduce the amount of electrical and electronic equipment (EEE) type of waste and the hazards brought about by its components; c) Promote the reuse of EEE and valorisation of its waste components; d) Encourage involvement of all relevant agencies and stakeholders in the life cycle of EEE through design innovation leading to their more efficient dismantling, recycling, and reuse; and e) institutionalize the principle of "extended producers responsibility" (EPR) in addressing the financial requirements involved in the implementation of the WEEE Guidelines.
8.	**Relevant documents:** Final Draft Guidelines on the Environmentally Sound Management (ESM) of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)
9.	**Proposed date of adoption:** This order shall take effect 15 days after its publication in an official gazette of general circulation **Proposed date of entry into force:** This order shall take effect 15 days after its publication in an official gazette of general circulation
10.	**Final date for comments:** 31 March 2016
11.	**Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:** Bureau of Philippine Standards Department of Trade and Industry 361 Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue Makati City, Metro Manila Philippines E-mail: bps@dti.gov.ph Fax: (632) 751-4706 Environmental Management Bureau Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) DENR Compound, Visayas Avenue, diliman, Quezon City, Philippines Telefax.: (632) 928-1212 Email Address: hazwaste@emb.gov.ph Website: http://www.emb.gov.ph Attached Copy: Final Draft Guidelines on the Environmentally Sound Management (ESM) of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/TBT/PHL/15_4942_00_e.pdf