MANDATORY PHILIPPINE NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR PLASTIC PIPING SYSTEM FOR SOIL AND WASTE DISCHARGE (LOW AND HIGH TEMPERATURE) INSIDE BUILDINGS – UNPLASTICIZED POLYVINYL CHLORIDE (PV...

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1. In accordance with the provisions of R.A. No. 4109, R.A. No. 7394, Executive Order No. 913 Series of 1983, DAO no. 02, Series of 2002, DAO No. 1, Series of 1997, DAO No. 5, Series of 2001, and Sec 10 (4), Title X, Book IV, of the Administrative Code of 1987, the following Philippine National Standard is hereby adopted for mandatory implementation.

> a. PNS 1950:2003 - Plastic piping system for soil and waste discharge (low and high temperature) inside buildings - Unplasticized polyvinyl chloride (PVC-U)

2. All manufacturers, distributors, importers and retailers of said product shall comply with the requirements of these standards.

3. A third party certification, known as the PS Quality and/or Safety Certification Mark, shall be obtained from the Bureau of Product Standards (BPS) by all manufacturers of said product. Importers of said product shall secure an Import Commodity Clearance (ICC) from DTI/BPS prior to distribution and/or selling in the local market.

4. BPS shall promulgate implementing guidelines specifying implementing timetables, taking into consideration present inventory levels, production capabilities of industries, and testing capabilities of BPS and other testing institutions.

5. The implementation of this standard shall be done in proper coordination with the DTI Regional and Provincial Offices and the DTI - Bureau of Trade Regulation and Consumer Protection (BTRCP).

6. All manufacturers, distributors, importers and retailers found not complying with these requirements shall be penalized in accordance with the provision for liabilities and penalties under RA 7394 and EO 913.

7. All other orders or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Administrative Order are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

8. This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in two newspapers of general circulation.

Accordingly, all parties concerned are hereby informed that copies of said standards and implementing guidelines may be secured from the BPS Information Services.

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MANDATORY PRODUCT CERTIFICATION OF
Plastic piping system for soil and waste discharge (low and high temperature) inside buildings - Unplasticized polyvinyl chloride (PVC-U) under PNS 1950:2003

REASONS WHY MANDATORY PRODUCT CERTIFICATION IS NECESSARY

1. The function of Plastic piping system for soil and waste discharge is to convey the wastes coming from the sanitary and ventilation, sewerage and rainwater and discharge it to an environment away from the household user to protect them from contamination of the said wastes. Unfortunately, many Plastic piping system for soil and waste discharge in the market found are not certified as complying to the requirements of the Philippine National Standard.

2. Since these PVC pipes for sanitary is not regulated, stiff competition exists. Hence, cost tends to decrease the safety/quality of the pipes.

3. Request from a manufacturer to regulate Plastic piping system for soil and waste discharge is due for the reasons that millions of uncertified pipes are already being scattered nationwide. Moreover, the life and property of the household users are at stake considering the harmful effects of this unregulated PVC pipes.

4. BPS Technical Committee on Plastic Pipes and Fittings (BPS/TC 24) approved the said PNS. Hence, the BPS acted for the mandatory implementation of the PVC pipes for sanitary application to protect the public from using uncertified pipes.

5. The product, with reference to the above PNS, is recommended for mandatory product certification to ensure consumer protection and to level the playing field for importers and manufacturers.

LIST OF MOST COMMON PRODUCTS THAT WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE MANDATORY CERTIFICATION

1. All Plastic piping system for soil and waste discharge (low and high temperature) inside buildings - Unplasticized polyvinyl chloride (PVC-U).

HOW MANDATORY CERTIFICATION WILL AFFECT THE MARKET

1. Only certified Plastic piping system for soil and waste discharge (low and high temperature) inside buildings - Unplasticized polyvinyl chloride (PVC-U) will be allowed to be distributed in the market.

2. Through mandatory product certification, we aim to prohibit the sale of uncertified and substandard products that can endanger the life of consumers, i.e., contamination of the wastes that may leak from the said product.

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