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REVISED RULES ON THE EXEMPTION OF GIRL SCOUTS FROM CITIZEN ARMY TRAINING (CAT)

DECS ORDER NO. 30, S. 1999, March 22, 1999

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- In order to further strengthen the Department's co-curricular program towards the total and gender fair development of girls and young women, exemption from the Citizens Army Training (CAT) is hereby granted to qualified Girl Scouts.

- This office, in coordination with the Girl Scouts of the Philippines, hereby releases the following revised rules on the exemption of Girl Scouts from Citizens Army Training (CAT), for the information and guidance of all concerned:

- Girl Scouts who have complied with the GSP Membership Requirements and who have completed work on at least two (2) badges in each of the 8-Point Challenge (a total of 16 badges) by the end of their third year high school may be exempted from Citizens Army Training.

- Exemption from CAT may be granted upon recommendation of the Girl Scouts of the Philippines' Regional Executive Director and upon approval of the DECS Regional Director concerned.

- The attached form on the GSP Certification for CAT Exemption shall be accomplished by the Girl Scout Troop Leader and signed by the concerned Regional Executive Directors of GSP and DECS.

- Girl Scout leaders and school authorities shall monitor and ensure that Girl Scouts granted exemption from CAT undertake the following program:

> d.1 50 hours in Service Aid Projects (such as Camp Aide, Hospital Aide, Aquatic Safety Aide, etc.); and
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> d.2 Active membership in a GSP SAVER Team and at least two (2) relief services rendered. In lieu of relief service, Girl Scouts may participate in GSP CHERISH projects and community service projects such as the year-long Chief Girl Scout Medal Scheme.

- In order to simplify the process of verifying and certifying the exemption papers, Regional Offices of the Girl Scouts of the Philippines are hereby authorized to facilitate the same in close coordination with the DECS Regional Offices concerned.

- Any provisions of the following Department Orders not inconsistent with this order shall remain effective:

DECS Order No. 30, s. 1974

- Exemption to Boy Scouts

MECS Order No. 49, s. 1979

- Revised Rules on the Exemption of Scouts from CAT and Basic Physical Education Requirements

MECS Order No. 17, s. 1985

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Citizens Army Training Guidelines

MECS Order No. 35, s. 1986

Exemption to Senior Girl Scouts

DECS Order No. 106, s. 1998

Revised Rules re Scouts Exemptions

- Immediate dissemination of this DECS Order is desired.

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