



**DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
NO. 03 , SERIES OF 2001**

**SUBJECT : TIMETABLE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH R.A. 8970**

Pending the effectivity of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of R.A. 8970, all manufacturers, importers, distributors, wholesalers and retailers of laundry and industrial detergents are given the following schedule/period within which to comply or make the necessary adjustments relative to the said IRR, to wit:

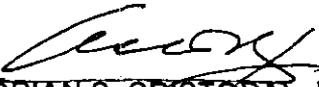
1. Training and Information Campaign ----- starts on 01 February 2001
2. Preparation of Listing of Detergents  
Complying with R.A. 8970 ----- starts on 01 February 2001
3. Retrofitting / Reformulation  
of the Manufacturers ----- until 31 May 2001
4. Import Shipment Monitoring ----- upon effectivity of the IRR  
of R.A. 8970
5. Factory Level Check ----- starts on 01 June 2001
6. Product Recall Period ----- until 30 September 2001
7. Market Monitoring ----- starts on 01 October 2001
8. The use of the remaining old packaging materials (if any) shall be allowed within 90 days after the effectivity of the Implementing Rules and Regulations provided that the following are being undertaken:
  - (a) For detergent bars, place a dot (2mm in diameter) on every quarter of the bar immediately after the brandname.
  - (b) For powder, paste and liquid detergents, place a sticker that indicates whatever is approved in the labeling requirement.

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This order shall take effect immediately upon its complete publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Done in Makati City, this 11th day of May, 2001.

RECOMMENDED BY:

  
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Undersecretary

  
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APPROVED:

  
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