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**Department Administrative Order**

No. 6  
Series of 1996

**Subject: Mandatory Philippine National Standard**

1. In accordance with the provision of R.A. No. 4109, R.A. No. 7394, Executive Order No. 913, series of 1983, Letter of Instruction No. 1208, DAO No. 9, series of 1990, DAO No. 4, series of 1994, DAO No. 8, series of 1995, Sec. (4), Chapter 2, Book IV of the 1987 Administrative Code and other related rules and regulations, the mandatory implementation of PNS 15-5:1996, Specification for Clean Extinguishing Agent - Halon Substitute Portable Fire Extinguisher is hereby ordered for the protection of consumers.
2. All manufacturers, distributors, dealers and importers of clean extinguishing agent - halon substitute portable fire extinguisher shall comply with the requirements of PNS 15-5:1996.
3. A third party certification, known as the PS Quality Certification Mark, shall be obtained from the Bureau of Product Standards (BPS) by all manufacturers, distributors, dealers and importers of clean extinguishing agent - halon substitute portable fire extinguisher. Importers of this product shall secure a commodity clearance from the BPS as a pre-requisite of import shipment release by the Bureau of Customs.
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. When necessary, BPS may designate an appropriate, competent organization to assist in various aspect of standards implementation work (such as product inspection, testing, market monitoring) for this product.
5. The implementation of this standard shall be done in coordination with the DTI Regional and Provincial offices and the Bureau of Trade Regulation and Consumer Protection.
6. All other orders or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Administrative Order are hereby repealed or amended accordingly

7. This Order shall take effect 15 days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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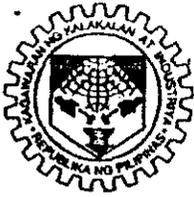
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C. B. BAUTISTA  
Secretary

Recommended by:



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Republic of the Philippines  
DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY  
BUREAU OF PRODUCT STANDARDS



**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR** : Secretary C. B. BAUTISTA  
**THRU** : Assistant Secretary Zenaida C. Maglaya *8-19*  
**DATE** : 08 August 1996

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Attached is Department Administrative Order on the mandatory implementation of PNS 15-5:1996 Philippine National Standard Specification for Clean Extinguishing Agent - Halon Substitute Portable Fire Extinguisher.

This standard was formulated by the Technical Committee on Fire Protection and Fire Fighting Equipment (BPS/TC 2) with the view of protecting the environment from ozone depleting substances. Further, since the Philippines is a signatory to the Montreal Protocol which will take immediate steps toward the phasing out of halon by 1998, we need to have an alternative or substitute extinguishing agent for halon chemicals. Moreover, with this standard, Philippines will be protected from being a dumping ground of destructive extinguishing agents.

For the Secretary's consideration and approval.

**JESUS L. MOTOOMULL**  
Director

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