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NHI REQUIREMENTS FOR EVALUATION OF PHILIPPINE FLAGS

To: Bureau Directors
Cultural Agency Directors
Regional Directors
Chiefs of Services and Heads of Units
Schools Superintendents
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities
Vocational School Superintendents/Administrators

1. Inclosed is a copy of the letter of Mr. Esteban A. de Ocampo, Chairman and Executive Director, National Historical Institute (NHI), relative to the requirements in the purchase of Philippine flags.

2. In view thereof, it is requested that samples of Philippine flags submitted to the NHI for evaluation should be accompanied by the following:

- a. Certification from the National Institute of Science and Technology stating that the flag materials submitted conform to government requirement as to quality of material; and
- b. Certification from the flag maker stating that his company has strictly complied with the provision of Memorandum Circular No. 558, copy inclosed.

3. Also inclosed for the guidance of all concerned are copies of Memorandum Circular No. 697, dated January 16, 1974 from the Office of the President of the Philippines, and NHI Guidelines concerning the purchase of Philippine flags.

4. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum to all concerned, particularly to the supply officers, is desired.

(SGD.) ONOFRE D. CORPUZ
Minister of Education and Culture

Incls.:
As stated

Reference:
None

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November 28, 1980

Minister Onofre D. Corpuz
Ministry of Education and Culture
MEC Bldg., Arroceros, Manila

Dear Minister Corpuz,

It has been noted by the National Historical Institute (NHI) that government offices, including government-owned and controlled corporations submit to the NHI sample of Philippine flags for evaluation without attaching the required certification from the National Institute of Science and Technology stating that the flag materials submitted conform to government requirement as to quality of material specification. In addition, Memorandum Circular No. 697, dated January 16, 1974, Office of the President, also requires all government offices to submit to the NHI another certification from the flag maker certifying that his company has complied strictly with the provisions of Memorandum Circular No. 558, dated March 20, 1972.

In this connection, we would like to request that all samples of flags submitted to the NHI must include the above certifications.

Enclosed are copies of Memorandum Circulars Nos. 558 and 697, dated March 20, 1972 and January 16, 1974, respectively, Office of the President, and a copy of the guidelines issued by the NHI concerning the purchase of Philippine Flags.

Very truly yours,

(SGD.) ESTEBAN A. DE OCAMPO
Chairman and
Executive Director

Incls.:
As stated

A true copy

TANGGAPAN NG PANGULO NG PILIPINAS
(OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES)

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 558

ENJOINING STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH ALL GOVERNMENT SPECIFICATIONS
IN THE MANUFACTURE OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL FLAG

Standardization No. 16-2 PRF dated May 16, 1963, issued by the Bureau of Supply, defines and delineates the various specifications of the government in the manufacture of the Philippine National Flag.

These specifications are meant not only to establish a uniform standard in the making of our National Colors but also to guarantee the durability of the Flag by the use of quality materials. Henceforth, the requisition and delivery of Philippine National Flags will be governed by the following standard operating procedure:

1. All requisitions for the purchase of the Philippine National Flag must be based on strict compliance with the design, color, craftsmanship, and material requirements of the government.

All samples of flags offered for purchase for government use will be evaluated as to design, color and craftsmanship specifications by the Philippines Heraldry Committee, Malacañang, which will stamp approval or disapproval on the canvas reinforcement on the flag sample submitted. The samples will be sent to the committee by the requisitioning office, not by the flag supplier.

The National Institute of Science and Technology (NIST) will evaluate the quality of material of all flag samples and certify whether the flag material submitted conforms to government requirement as to quality of the material. The samples will be sent to the NIST by the requisitioning office, not by the flag supplier.

Effective immediately the established policy of submitting only one NIST Laboratory Report to cover all blue, red, yellow and white materials used in the manufacture of the Flag will be discontinued. Instead, flag manufacturers will be required to submit to the Philippines Heraldry Committee separate and individual NIST Laboratory Reports for the blue, red, yellow and white flag materials.

In evaluating strict compliance to material specifications, flag suppliers shall submit to the National Institute of Science and Technology three yards of red, blue, yellow and white material used in the manufacture of the flag.

Individual NIST Laboratory Reports will cover each color of the Flag. The laboratory fee will be paid by the flag supplier.

2. Effective immediately the inspection of deliveries of flags requisitioned by the government shall be taken over by the General Auditing Office.

The Bureau of Supply, the General Auditing Office and other government offices may continue sending to the Philippines Heraldry Committee in Malacañang or to the NIST for evaluation, samples of flags picked at random from deliveries of flags of winning bidders to check whether the flags delivered are as per approved sample submitted by the flag suppliers.

All government offices concerned must see to it that these requirements as embodied in Standardization No. 16-2 PRF dated May 16, 1963 are strictly adhered to.

By Authority of the President:

SGD. ALEJANDRO MELCHOR
Executive Secretary

Approved: March 20, 1972
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TANGGAPAN NG PANGULO NG PILIPINAS
(Office of the President of the Philippines)

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 697

WHEREAS, MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 558 ISSUED BY THIS OFFICE ON MARCH 20, 1972, ENJOINED STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH ALL GOVERNMENT SPECIFICATIONS IN THE MANUFACTURE OF THE PHILIPPINE FLAG;

Whereas, in a letter of this office dated June 23, 1973, the Honorable Secretary of General Services was asked to require all flag manufacturers to comply strictly with the provisions of the Bureau of Supply Standardization No. 16 PRF - 2, by submitting not later than July 20, 1973, two (2) finished flags to the Philippine Heraldry Committee, for proper evaluation as to materials, design, color and craftsmanship specifications; and

Whereas, notwithstanding all this only one flag manufacturer has so far submitted a sample of its flag to the Philippine Heraldry Committee for evaluation.

Wherefore it is hereby required that all requisitions by the government for the Philippine National Flag, and of any foreign National Flag needed by the Government, shall be accompanied by a statement of the supplier, certifying that the said supplier has complied strictly with the provisions of Memorandum Circular No. 558 dated March 20, 1972.

By authority of the President.

(SGD.) ROBERTO V. REYES
Assistant Executive Secretary

Manila January 16, 1974

SOURCE: Official Gazette, vol. 70, no. 4, Jan. 28, 1974,
p. 676

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Republic of the Philippines
Ministry of Education and Culture
NATIONAL HISTORICAL INSTITUTE
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GUIDELINES GOVERNING THE PURCHASE OF PHILIPPINE FLAGS
BY NATIONAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING
GOVERNMENT OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS

1. All samples of flags offered for purchase for government use should be submitted to the National Institute of Science and Technology (NIST) by the requisitioning office. The NIST shall evaluate the quality of materials used in the making of all flag samples submitted and issue a certification that the flag materials submitted conform to government requirement as to quality of material specification.

Reference: Paragraph 1, Section 3, Memorandum Circular
No. 558, Office of the President, 20 March 1972.

2. All samples of flags evaluated by the NIST should be submitted to the National Historical Institute (NHI) for evaluation as to design, color and craftsmanship. The NHI will stamp approval or disapproval on the canvas reinforcement on the flag samples submitted. The samples of flag should be sent to the NHI by the requisitioning agency, not by the flag maker, accompanied by the NIST certification mentioned above.

Reference: Paragraph 1, Section 2, Memorandum Circular
No. 558, Office of the President, 20 March 1972

3. All government offices, including government owned or controlled corporations may continue sending to the National Historical Institute or to the NIST for evaluation, samples of flags picked at random from deliveries of flags of winning bidders to check whether the flags delivered are as per approved samples submitted by flag suppliers.

Reference: Paragraph 2, Section 2, Memorandum Circular
No. 558, Office of the President, 20 March 1972

(SGD.) ESTEBAN DE OCAMPO
Chairman, National Historical
Institute

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