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## **MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**

TO : ALL HEADS OF CONSTITUTIONAL BODIES; DEPARTMENTS,

BUREAUS AND AGENCIES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT; LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs); GOVERNMENT OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS WITH ORIGINAL CHARTERS (GOCCs); AND STATE UNIVERSITIES AND

**COLLEGES; AND OTHERS CONCERNED** 

SUBJECT: Full Implementation of The Graphic Health Warnings (GHW) Law

on November 4, 2016 ("Graphic Health Warning: Full Blast na sa

November!")

In coordination with the Department of Health (DOH), the Civil Service Commission (CSC) enjoins all government agencies in supporting the full implementation of Republic Act No. 10643 or "The Graphic Health Warnings Law" on November 4, 2016.

As the central human resource institution of the government, the CSC urges the entire Philippine civil service to be one in celebrating this event by posting the GHW tarpaulin ("Full Blast Na! Bawal na ang text lang. Dapat Graphic Health Warnings!") in their respective office premises, including regional and field offices. The template for this 3.5ft x 5ft tarpaulin can be found in the following Internet links:

- http://csc.gov.ph (Official website of the CSC)
- http://doh.gov.ph (Official website of the DOH)
- https://www.facebook.com/smokefree.civilservice (Facebook page of the CSC-Project Management Unit)

Under the GHW Law, all cigarette packs in the country must bear graphical warnings about the dangers of tobacco smoke, as prescribed. Implementation of the Law started on March 6, 2016, and all tobacco products shall carry graphic health warnings by November 4. Non-compliant packages found in the market for sale or distribution shall be subjected to removal and/or confiscation.

Any inquiries or concerns related to this activity can be addressed to Mr. Michael John G. Amponin of the CSC-Project Management Unit at Telephone No. 931-8095 loc. 461 or Mobile No. 0917-6347262. Alternatively, you can also contact Ms. Romhelyn M. Benipayo of the DOH-National Tobacco Control Program at Telephone No. 651-7800 loc. 1751 or Mobile No. 0975-4037004.

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Chairperson

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