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National Wages and Productivity Commission



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REGIONAL TRIPARTITE WAGES AND PRODUCTIVITY BOARD VII

WAGE ORDER NO. ROVII -22

PROVIDING FOR INCREASE IN THE MINIMUM WAGE RATES IN CENTRAL VISAYAS

WHEREAS, Republic Act 6727 otherwise known as the Wage Rationalization Act of 1989 mandated the Regional Tripartite Wages and Productivity Boards to determine and fix the minimum wages of private sector workers in the regions;

WHEREAS, the Cebu Labor Coalition, Lonbisco Employees Union (LEO), Metaphil Workers Union (MWU) and Union Bank Employees Association (UBEA), filed a Petition for Three Hundred Forty-One Pesos and Seventy-Five Centavos (P341.75) across-the-board daily wage adjustment on August 9, 2019;

WHEREAS, the petition was filed six (6) days after existing Wage Order No. 21 reached its one-year anniversary and the prohibitive period for filing petitions has lapsed;

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2019 the Board issued Resolution No: 6-2019 declaring the petition as duly filed and considered for purposes of conducting public hearings and wage deliberations to expedite the resolution thereof;

WHEREAS, the Notice of Public Hearings was published in The Freeman Newspaper on August 17, 2019 and a series of wage public hearings were conducted in Dumaguete City (September 17, 2019), Cebu City (September 24, 2019,) Bogo City (September 30, 2019) and Tagbilaran City (October 11, 2019);

WHEREAS, as a result of the periodic and continuous review of the socio economic condition in the region and taking into consideration the issues raised during the public hearings and the position papers submitted by concerned stakeholders, the Board agreed to increase the existing minimum wage rates in Central Visayas;

WHEREAS, in line with the thrust to rationalize the wage structure in the region, and in consideration of the recommendations of stakeholders during the public hearings for the Board to review the geographic classification of wages, the simplification of the existing geographic wage classification from four (Class A, B, C, D) to three categories (Class A,B, C) was undertaken;

WHEREAS, in terms of sectoral classifications, the existing non- agriculture employing ten or more workers was simplified into non-agriculture while non- agriculture employing less than ten workers was expanded to cover all establishments employing less than ten workers. The agriculture classification was retained but the rates were reclassified with the rates of establishments employing less than ten workers;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power and authority vested under Republic Act No. 6727, the Regional Tripartite Wages and Productivity Board, Region VII, hereby issues this Wage Order:

Section 1. Upon effectivity of this Wage Order, the daily minimum wage rates of all private sector workers and employees in Region VII, shall be as follows:

GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS	NON-AGRICULTURE			AGRICULTURE			ESTABLISHMENTS EMPLOYING LESS THAN TEN WORKERS		
	Minimum Wage under No. ROVII-21	Wage Increase	New Minimum Wage	Minimum Wage under No. ROVII-21	Wage Increase	New Minimum Wage	Minimum Wage under No. ROVII-21	Wage Increase	New Minimum Wage
CLASS A									
Cities of Carcar, Cebu, Danao, Lapulapu, Mandaue, Naga, Talisay and Municipalities of Compostela, Consolacion, Cordova, Liloan, Minglanilla, San Fernando, or Expanded Metro Cebu	P 386	P 18	P 404	P 368	P 26	P 394	P 376	P 18	P 394
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- * Cities in Cebu Province Not Included in Class A – Bogo and Toledo
- ** Cities in Bohol (Tagbilaran) and Negros Oriental (Bais, Bayawan, Canlaon, Dumaguete, Guihulngan, Tanjay)
- *** Municipalities in Cebu Province except Compostela, Consolacion, Cordova, Liloan, Minglanilla, San Fernando
- **** Municipalities in Bohol and Negros Oriental Provinces
- ***** Municipalities in Siquijor Province, Bantayan and Camotes Islands

Section 2. COVERAGE. The adjustments prescribed under this Order shall apply to all minimum wage private sector workers and employees in Region VII.

Not covered from the provisions of this Order are household or domestic workers; persons in the personal service of another, and workers of establishments registered under the Barangay Micro Business Enterprises with valid Certificates of Authority.

Section 3. BASIS OF MINIMUM WAGE. The minimum wage rates prescribed under this Order shall be for the normal working hours, which shall not exceed eight (8) hours work a day.

Section 4. APPLICATION TO PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. In the case of private educational institutions, the share of covered workers and employees in the increase in tuition fees for School Year 2019-2020 shall be considered as compliance with the increase prescribed herein. However, payment of any shortfall in the wage increase set forth herein shall be covered starting School Year 2020-2021.

Private educational institutions which have not increased their tuition fees for the School Year 2019-2020 may defer compliance with the increase prescribed herein until the beginning of School Year 2020-2021. In any case, private educational institutions shall implement the increase herein starting School Year 2020-2021.

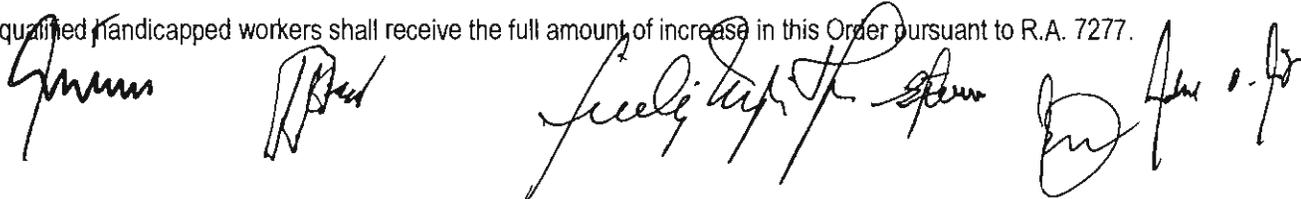
Section 5. APPLICATION TO CONTRACTORS. In the case of contracts for construction projects and for security, janitorial and similar services, the prescribed increases in the wage rates of the workers shall be borne by the principals or clients of the construction/service contractors, and the contract shall be deemed amended accordingly. In the event, however, that the principal or client fails to pay the prescribed increase or new minimum wage rates, the construction/service contractor shall be jointly and severally liable with his principal or client.

Section 6. WORKERS PAID BY RESULTS. All workers paid by results, including those who are paid on piecework, "takay" or task basis, shall be entitled to receive not less than the prescribed minimum wage increase per eight (8) hours work a day, or a proportion thereof for working less than eight (8) hours.

Section 7. WAGES OF SPECIAL GROUPS OF WORKERS. Wages of apprentices and learners shall in no case be paid less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the applicable minimum wage rates prescribed in this Order.

All recognized apprenticeship agreements entered into before the effectivity of this Order shall be considered automatically modified insofar as their wage clauses are concerned to reflect the new prescribed wage rates.

All qualified handicapped workers shall receive the full amount of increase in this Order pursuant to R.A. 7277.



Section 8. APPLICATION TO TRANSFER, BRANCH AND MOBILE WORKERS. The applicable minimum wage of workers in establishment which have branches in different parts of the region or where headquarters is outside the region, shall be the rate applicable to the area where the worker is based.

In case of mobile workers, the minimum wage shall be the rate applicable to the head office. In case of transfer from a high class city/municipality to a lower class city/municipality, the higher rate shall continue to be applied.

Section 9. EXEMPTION. This wage order does not allow exemption. Establishments adversely affected by calamities such as natural and/or human-induced disasters may be exempted from the applicability of this Order upon application with and as determined by the Board based on documentary and other requirements in accordance with applicable rules and regulations issued by the Commission.

Section 10. PRODUCTIVITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS. In order to sustain rising level of wages and enhance competitiveness, businesses are strongly encouraged to adopt productivity improvement schemes, such as time and motion studies, good housekeeping, quality circles, labor-management cooperation, as well as implement gain sharing programs. The Regional Board shall provide the necessary technical assistance in the implementation of productivity improvement programs.

Section 11. IMPLEMENTATION OF TWO-TIERED WAGE SYSTEM. On voluntary basis and upon effectivity of this Order, employers who recognize and value the contribution of their workers, may provide productivity-based incentive pay to them based on indicators such as business performance, labor productivity, work behavior, competitiveness of establishments among others. The Board shall issue an advisory on the range of productivity incentive which may be applied by establishments.

Section 12. APPEAL TO THE COMMISSION. Any party aggrieved by this Wage Order may file a verified appeal with the Commission through the Board within ten (10) calendar days from the publication of this Order.

Section 13. EFFECT OF FILING AN APPEAL. The filing of the appeal does not operate to stay the Order unless the party appealing such Order shall file with the Commission an undertaking with a surety or sureties satisfactory to the Commission for payment of the corresponding increase to employees affected by the Order in the event such Order is affirmed.

Section 14. EFFECTS ON EXISTING WAGE STRUCTURE. Where the application of the increases in the wage rates under this Order results in distortion of the wage structure within an establishment, the same shall be corrected in accordance with the procedure provided for under Art. 124 of the Labor Code as amended.

Section 15. COMPLAINTS FOR NON-COMPLIANCE. Complaints for non-compliance with this Order shall be filed with the Regional Office of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) having jurisdiction over the workplace and shall be subjected to the mandatory thirty (30) days conciliation and mediation process under the Single Entry Approach (SEnA). However, if settlement fails, the case becomes subject of enforcement proceedings under Articles 128 and 129 of the Labor Code as amended.

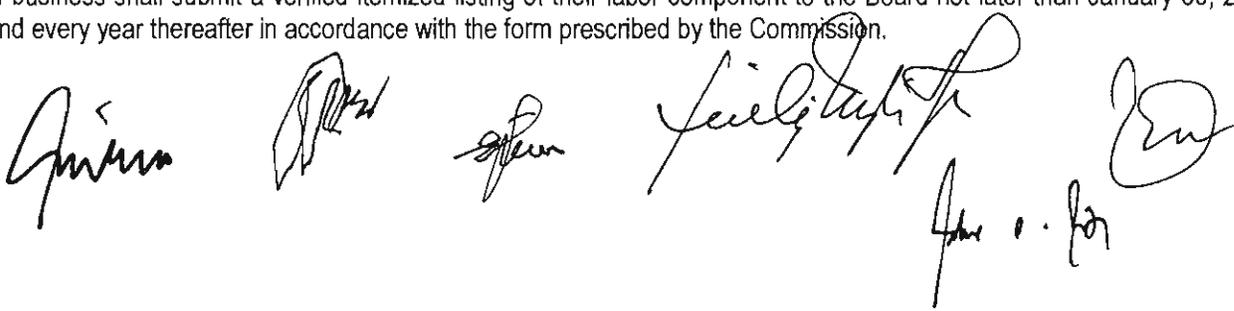
Section 16. NON-DIMINUTION OF BENEFITS. Nothing in this Order shall be construed to reduce any existing wage rates, allowances and benefits of any form under existing laws, decrees, issuances, executive orders and/or under any contract or agreement between the workers and employers.

Section 17. PENAL PROVISION. Any person, corporation, trust or firm, partnership, association or entity which refuses or fails to pay the prescribed wage increase in accordance with this Order shall be subject to the penal provisions under RA 6727, as amended by RA 8188.

Section 18. PROHIBITION AGAINST INJUNCTION. No preliminary or permanent injunction or temporary restraining order may be issued by any court, tribunal or other entity against any proceedings before the Board.

Section 19. FREEDOM TO BARGAIN. This Order shall not be construed to prevent workers in particular firms or enterprises of industries from bargaining for higher wages with their respective employers.

Section 20. REPORTING REQUIREMENT. Any person, company, corporation, partnership or any entity engaged in business shall submit a verified itemized listing of their labor component to the Board not later than January 30, 2021 and every year thereafter in accordance with the form prescribed by the Commission.



Section 21. REPEALING CLAUSE. All orders, issuances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provision of this Wage Order are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 22. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Order is declared unconstitutional or illegal, the other provisions or parts shall remain valid.

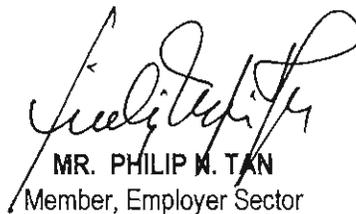
Section 23. IMPLEMENTING RULES. The Board shall prepare the necessary rules to implement this Order subject to approval of the Secretary of Labor and Employment.

Section 24. EFFECTIVITY. This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the region.

CEBU CITY, PHILIPPINES, November 26, 2019



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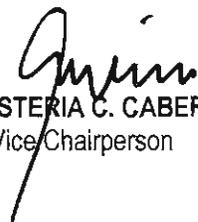


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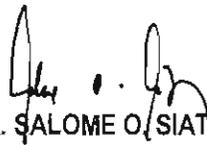
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IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF WAGE ORDER NO. ROVII - 22

Pursuant to Section 6, Rule IV of the Amended Rules of Procedure on Minimum Wage Fixing and Section 24 of Wage Order No. ROVII-22, the following Rules are hereby issued for guidance and compliance by all concerned.

Rule I – General Provisions

Section 1. Title. The Rules shall be known as the **Implementing Rules and Regulations of Wage Order No. ROVII- 22.**

Section 2. Definition of Terms. As used in this rules:

- a) **Order** means Wage Order No. ROVII-22.
- b) **Commission** refers to the National Wages and Productivity Commission.
- c) **Board** means the Regional Tripartite Wages and Productivity Board, Region VII.
- d) **Department** means the Department of Labor and Employment.
- e) **Region VII** is the geographic area in Central Visayas covering the Provinces of Cebu, Bohol, Negros Oriental and Siquijor and its component cities.
- f) **Agriculture** refers to farming in all its branches and among others, include the cultivation and tillage of the soil, production, cultivation, growing and harvesting of any agricultural and horticultural commodities, dairying, raising of livestock or poultry, the culture of fish and other aquatic products in farms or ponds, and any activities performed by a farmer or on a farm as an incident to or in conjunction with such farming operations, but does not include the manufacturing and/or processing of sugar, coconut, abaca, tobacco, pineapple, aquatic or other farm products.
- g) **Class A** refers to the Cities of Carcar, Cebu, Danao, Lapu-Lapu, Mandaue, Naga and Talisay and the Municipalities of Compostela, Consolacion, Cordova, Liloan, Minglanilla, and San Fernando or Expanded Metro Cebu.
- h) **Class B** refers to the Cities not covered under Class A which include Bais, Bayawan, Bogo, Canlaon, Dumaguete, Guihulngan, Tagbilaran, Tanjay and Toledo.
- i) **Class C** refers to other Municipalities not covered under Class A.
- j) **Establishment** refers to an economic unit which engages in one or predominantly one kind of economic activity at a single fixed location. For purposes of determining eligibility, establishments under the same owner/s but separately registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) or Cooperative Development Authority (CDA), as the case may be, irrespective of their location, shall be treated as individual and distinct establishments.
- k) **Barangay Micro-Business Enterprise (BMBE)** refers to any registered business entity or enterprise granted a Certificate of Authority pursuant to Republic Act 9178.
- l) **State of Calamity** – refers to a condition involving mass casualty and/or major damages to property, disruption of means of livelihoods, roads and normal way of life of people in the affected areas as a result of the occurrence of natural or human-induced hazard (Section 3 of RA 10121), Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010)
- m) **Hazard** – a dangerous phenomena, substance, human activity or condition that may cause loss of life, injury or other health impacts, property damage, loss of livelihood or services, social and economic disruption, or environmental damage, any
- n) **Disaster** – a serious disruption of the functioning of a community or a society involving widespread human, material, economic or environmental losses and impacts, which exceeds the ability of the affected community or society to cope using its own resources; an actual threat to public health and safety where the local government and the emergency services are unable to meet the immediate needs of the community; an event in which the local emergency management measures are insufficient to cope with a hazard, whether due

- to a lack of time, capacity or resources, resulting in unacceptable levels of damage or number of casualties (NDRRMC)
- o) **Wage Distortion** as defined under Article 124 of Presidential Decree No. 442, otherwise known as the Labor Code of the Philippines as amended, refers to a situation where an increase in the prescribed wage rates results in the elimination or severe contraction of intentional quantitative differences in wage or salary rates between and among employee groups in an establishment as to effectively obliterate the distinction embodied in such wage structure based on skills, length of service, or other logical bases of differentiation.

Rule II– Wage Increase

Section 1. New Wage Rates. Upon effectivity of this Wage Order, the new daily minimum wage rates of all covered workers in the private sector in Central Visayas shall be as follows:

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- ** Cities in Bohol (Tagbilaran) and Negros Oriental (Bais, Bayawan, Canlaon, Dumaguete, Guihulngan, Tanjay)
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- **** Municipalities in Bohol ang Negros Oriental Provinces
- ***** Municipalities in Siquijor Province, Bantayan and Camotes Islands

Section 2. Coverage. a). The wage adjustment prescribed under this Order shall apply to all private sector minimum wage workers and employees in Region VII regardless of their position, designation, or status and irrespective of the method by which their wages are paid.

b). Not covered from the provisions of the Order are household or domestic workers, workers employed in the personal service of another, and workers of duly registered Barangay Micro-Business Enterprises with Certificates of Authority.

c). Wages of all workers and employees whose rates are less than the prescribed minimum wage rates pursuant to Sections 1 and 2 of the Order shall be adjusted accordingly.

Section 3. Reclassification of Wage Structure. In line with the thrust to rationalize the wage structure in the region, and in consideration of the recommendations of stakeholders during the public hearings for the Board to review the geographic classification of wages, the Board agreed to simplify the existing geographic wage classification from four (Class A, B, C, D) to three categories (Class A, B, C).

In terms of sectoral classifications, the existing non- agriculture employing ten or more workers was simplified into non-agriculture while non- agriculture employing less than ten workers was expanded to cover all establishments employing less than ten workers. The agriculture classification was retained but the rates were reclassified with the rates of establishments employing less than ten workers;

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Wages under the previous classification shall be adjusted to the new wage rates prescribed herein.

Section 4. Basis of Minimum Wage Rates. The minimum wage rates prescribed herein shall be for the normal working hours, which shall not exceed eight (8) hours work per day.

Section 5. Application to Private Educational Institutions. a) In the case of private educational institutions, the share of covered workers and employees in the increase in tuition fees for School Year 2019-2020 shall be considered as compliance with the increase prescribed herein. However, payment of any shortfall in the wage increase set forth herein shall be covered starting School Year 2020-2021.

b) Private educational institutions which have not increased their tuition fees for the School Year 2019-2020 may defer compliance with the increase prescribed herein until the beginning of School Year 2020-2021.

c) In any case, private educational institutions shall implement the increase prescribed herein starting School Year 2020-2021.

Section 6. Application to Contractors. In the case of contracts for construction projects and for security, janitorial services, the prescribed wage increases shall be borne by the principals or clients of the construction/service contractors and the contract shall be deemed amended accordingly. In the event, however, that the principal or client fails to pay the prescribed wage rates, the construction/service contractor shall be jointly and severally liable with his principal or client.

Section 7. Workers Paid by Results. a) All workers paid by results, including those who are paid on piecework, takay, pakyaw, or task basis, shall receive not less than the applicable minimum wage rates prescribed under this Order for the normal working hours which shall not exceed eight (8) hours work a day, or a proportion thereof for work of less than the normal working hours.

b) The wage rates of workers who are paid by results shall continue to be established in accordance with Article 101 of the Labor Code, as amended and its implementing rules and regulations.

c) The adjusted minimum wage rates for workers paid by results shall be computed in accordance with the following steps:

1. Amount of increase in AMW*
$$\frac{\text{-----}}{\text{Previous AMW}} \times 100 = \text{Percent increase;}$$
2. Existing rate/piece X Percent increase = Increase in rate/piece;
3. Existing rate/piece + Increase in rate/piece = Adjusted rate/piece

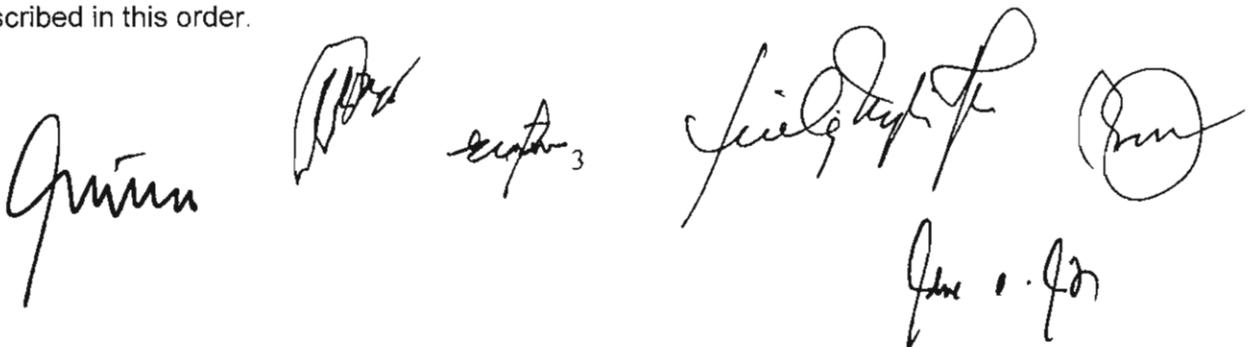
* Where AMW is the applicable minimum wage rate.

Section 8. Mobile Workers. The wage increase of workers, who by the nature of their work have to travel, shall be those applicable in the domicile or head office of the employer.

Section 9. Branch Workers. The wage increase of workers working in branches or agencies of establishments within the Region shall be those applicable in the place where they are stationed.

Section 10. Transfer / Assignment of Workers. The transfer/assignment of workers to areas with lower wage rates shall in no case result to reduction of higher wages being enjoyed by the worker prior to such transfer. However, where the worker is transferred/assigned to an area with higher wage, he shall be entitled to the higher wage therein.

Section 11. Wages of Special Groups of Workers. a) Wages of apprentices and learners shall in no case be paid less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the applicable minimum wage rates prescribed in this order.



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b) All recognized apprenticeship agreements entered into before the effectivity of the Order shall be considered automatically modified insofar as their wage clauses are concerned to reflect the adjustments prescribed under the Order.

c) All qualified handicapped workers shall receive the full amount of increase in this Order pursuant to R.A. 7277.

Section 12. Suggested Formulae in Determining the Equivalent Monthly Regional Minimum Wage Rates. Without prejudice to existing company practices, agreements or policies, the following formulae may be used in determining the Estimated Equivalent Monthly Rates (EEMR) of the employees:

For Monthly-Paid Employees

$$\text{Applicable Daily Rate} \times 365/12 = \text{EEMR}$$

Where 365 days/year = 298 ordinary working days
52 rest days
12 regular holidays
3 special days

365 Total equivalent no. of days in a year

For Daily Paid Employees :

a. For those who are required to work every day including Sundays, or rest days, special days and regular holidays

$$\frac{\text{Applicable Daily Rate} \times 393.50}{12}$$

where 393.50 days: 298 ordinary working days
67.60 52 rest days x 130%
24 12 regular holidays x 200%
3.90 3 special days x 130%
393.50 Total equivalent no. of days in a year

b. For those who do not work but are considered paid on Sundays or rest days.

$$\frac{\text{Applicable Daily Rate} \times 313}{12}$$

Where 313 days: 298 ordinary working days
12 regular holidays
3 special days
313* Total equivalent no. of days in a year

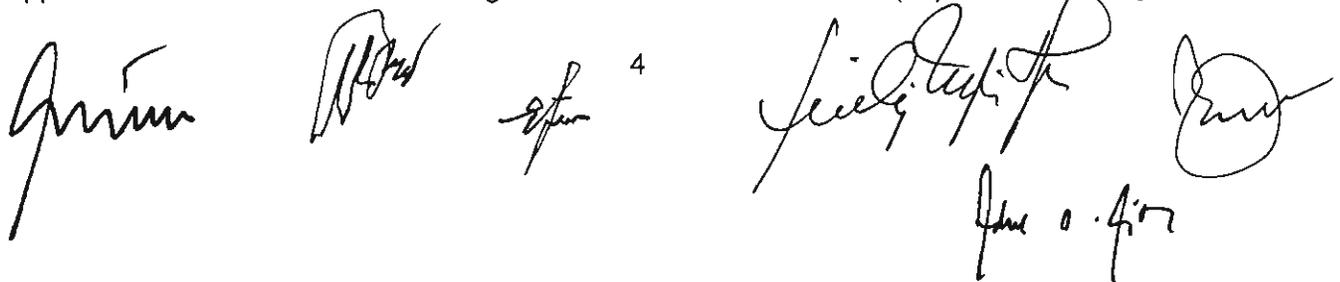
c. For those who do not work and are not considered paid on Sundays, Saturdays or rest days.

$$\frac{\text{Applicable Daily Rate} \times 261}{12}$$

where 261 days = 246 ordinary working days
12 12 regular holidays
3 special days
261* Total equivalent no. of days in a year

*313 and 261 if the three special days are considered paid

Section 13. Appeal to the Commission. Any party aggrieved by the Wage Order may file an appeal with the Commission through the Board within ten (10) calendar days from the

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publication of the Order. The appeal shall be accompanied by a memorandum of appeal which shall state the grounds relied upon and the arguments in support of the appeal.

Section 14. Grounds for Appeal. An appeal may be filed on the following grounds:

- a. Non-conformity with the prescribed guidelines and/or procedures
- b. Grave abuse of discretion
- c. Questions of law.

Section 15. Effect of Appeal. The filing of the appeal does not operate to stay the Order unless the party appealing such Order shall file with the Commission an undertaking with a surety or sureties satisfactory to the Commission for payment to employees affected by the Order of the corresponding increase, in the event such Order is affirmed.

Section 16. Transmittal of Records. Immediately upon receipt of the appeal, the Board Secretariat shall transmit to the Commission Secretariat the appeal and a copy of the subject Wage Order together with the complete records of the case and all relevant documents.

Rule III – Exemption

Section 1. Exemption. This wage order does not allow exemption. Establishments adversely affected by calamities such as natural and/or human-induced disasters may be exempted from the applicability of this Order upon application with and as determined by the Board based on documentary and other requirements in accordance with applicable rules and regulations issued by the Commission.

Section 2. Period of Filing Application for Exemption. Application for exemption from compliance with this Wage Order shall be filed with the Board within seventy five (75) days from date of publication of the Rules Implementing the Wage Order and that no further extension of filing and submission of required documents shall be allowed.

An application in three (3) typewritten copies may be filed by the owner/manager or duly authorized representative of an establishment in person or by registered mail. The date of mailing shall be deemed as the date of filing. The application shall be under oath and accompanied by complete supporting documents as specified in the Rules.

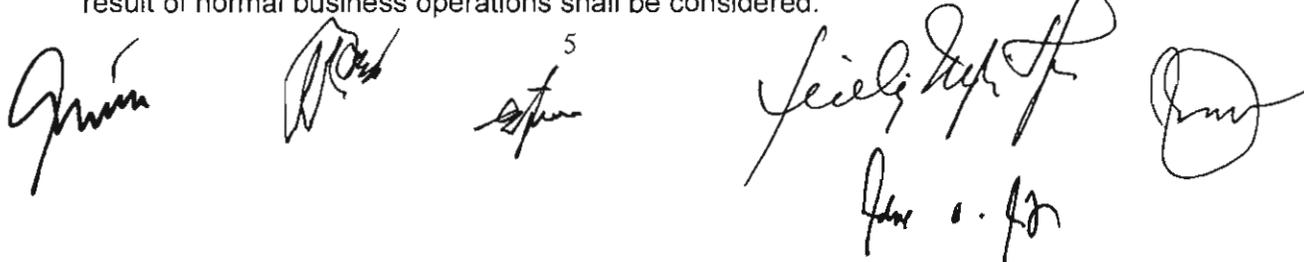
Section 3. Filing of Opposition. Any worker or, if unionized, the union in the applicant establishment, may file with the Board within fifteen (15) days from receipt of the notice of the filing of the application, an opposition to the application for exemption stating the reasons why the same should not be approved, furnishing the applicant a copy thereof.

The opposition shall be in three (3) legible copies, under oath and accompanied by pertinent documents, if any.

Section 4. Criteria for Exemption. The following criteria shall be used to determine whether or not the applicant-establishment is qualified for exemption under **establishments adversely affected by calamities such as natural and human-induced disasters**

1. The establishment must be located in an area declared by a competent authority as under a state of calamity.
2. The calamity must have occurred within 6 months prior to the effectivity of this Order. However, if based on the assessment by a competent authority, the damage to properties is at least fifty percent (50%) and the period of recovery will exceed one (1) year, the six-month period may be extended to one year.
3. Losses suffered by the establishment as a result of the calamity that exceed the insurance coverage should amount to 20% or more of the stockholders' equity as of the last full accounting period in the case of corporations and cooperatives, total invested capital in the case of partnerships and proprietorships and fund balance/members' contribution in the case of non-stock non-profit organizations.

Only losses or damage to properties directly resulting from the calamity and not incurred as a result of normal business operations shall be considered.



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4. Where necessary, the Board or its duly authorized representative shall conduct an ocular inspection of the establishment or engage the services of experts to validate the extent of damage

Section 5. Documents Required. The following supporting documents shall be submitted together with the application:

Proof of notice of filing of the application to the President of the union/contracting party if one is organized in the establishment, or if there is no union, a copy of a circular giving general notice of the filing of the application to all the workers in the establishment.

The proof of notice, which may be translated in the vernacular, shall state that the workers' representative was furnished a copy of the application with all the supporting documents. The notice shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the establishment.

Establishments Adversely Affected by Calamities such as Natural and Human-Induced Disasters

1. Affidavit executed by the General Manager or Chief Executive Officer of the establishment regarding the following:
 - a. Date and type of calamity
 - b. Amount of losses/damages suffered as a direct result of the calamity
 - c. List of properties damaged/lost together with estimated valuation
 - d. For properties that are not insured, the statement that the same are not covered by insurance
2. Copies of insurance policy contracts covering the properties damaged, if any
3. Adjuster's report for insured properties
4. Audited financial statements (together with the Auditor's opinion and the notes thereto) for the last full accounting period preceding the effectivity of the Order filed with and stamped "received" by the appropriate government agency. In case of severe damage to properties caused by the calamity, a Certification by the Barangay and pictures of the damaged property/ies may be submitted in lieu of the audited financial statements.

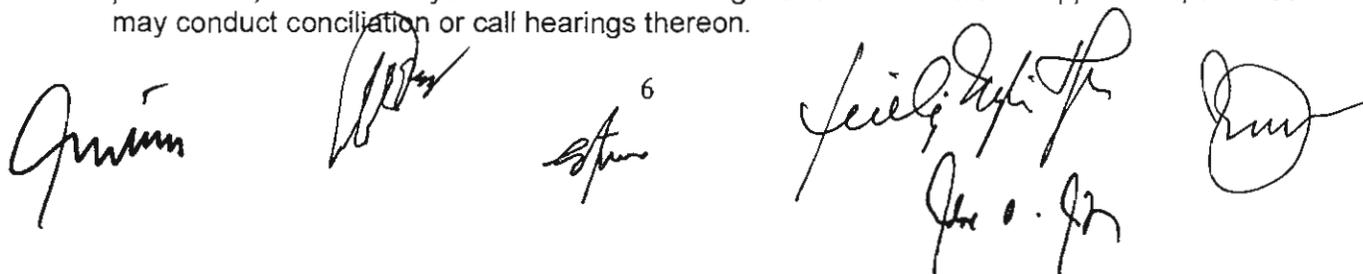
Section 6. Extent and Duration of Exemption.

- a.) Full exemption of one (1) year from effectivity of the Order may be granted to establishments that meet the applicable criteria for exemption under Section 3 of Amended Rules on Exemption (NWPC Guidelines No. 2, Series of 2007).
- b.) Partial exemption of 50% with respect to the amount or period of exemption shall also be granted.

Section 7. Adoption of Productivity Programs. Establishments granted exemption are required to adopt productivity improvement initiatives or schemes to improve business viability. The Board shall provide technical assistance in the development of a productivity improvement program in the establishment.

Section 8. Action on Application for Exemption. Upon receipt of an application with complete documents, the Board shall take following steps:

- a. Notify the DOLE Regional Office having jurisdiction over the workplace of the pendency of the application requesting that action on any complaint for non-compliance with the Order be deferred pending resolution of the application of the Board.
- b. Request DOLE Regional Office to conduct ocular inspection, if necessary, of establishments applying for exemption to verify number of workers, nature of business and other relevant information
- c. Act and decide on the application for exemption with complete documents, as much as practicable, within 45 days from the date of filing. In case of contested application, the Board may conduct conciliation or call hearings thereon.



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- d. Transmit the decision of the Board to the applicant establishment, the workers or president of the union, if any, and the Commission, for their information and the DOLE Regional Office concerned, for their implementation/enforcement.

The Board may create a Special Committee with one representative from each sector to expedite the processing of applications for exemption.

Section 9. Application for Projects/Branches/Divisions. Where the exemption being sought is for a particular project/branch/division not separately registered and licensed, the consolidated audited financial statements of the establishment shall be used as basis for determining its distressed condition.

Section 10. Distressed Principal. Exemption granted to a distressed principal shall not extend to its contractor in case of contract (s) for construction, security, janitorial and/or similar services with respect to the employees of the latter assigned to the former.

Section 11. Effect of Disapproved Application for Exemption. In the event that the application for exemption is not approved, covered workers shall be paid the mandated wage increase/allowance as provided for under the Order retroactive to the date of effectivity of the Order plus simple interest of one percent (1%) per month.

Section 12. Filing of Motion for Reconsideration. The aggrieved party may file with the Board a motion for reconsideration of the decision on the application for exemption within ten (10) days from receipt and shall state the particular grounds upon which the motion is based, copy furnished the other party and the Department.

No second motion for reconsideration shall be entertained in any case. The decision of the Board shall be final and executory unless appealed to the Commission.

Section 13. Appeal to the Commission. Any party aggrieved by the decision of the Board may file an appeal with the Commission through the Board within ten (10) calendar days receipt of decision. The appeal shall be accompanied by a memorandum of appeal which shall state the grounds relied upon and the arguments in support of the appeal.

Section 14. Grounds for Appeal. An appeal may be filed on the following grounds:

- a. Non-conformity with the prescribed guidelines and/or procedures on exemption;
- b. Prima facie evidence of grave abuse of discretion on the part of the Board; or
- c. Questions of law.

Section 15. Opposition. The appellee may file with the Board his reply or opposition to the appeal within ten (10) days from receipt of the appeal. Failure of the appellee to file his reply or opposition shall be construed as waiver on his part to file the same.

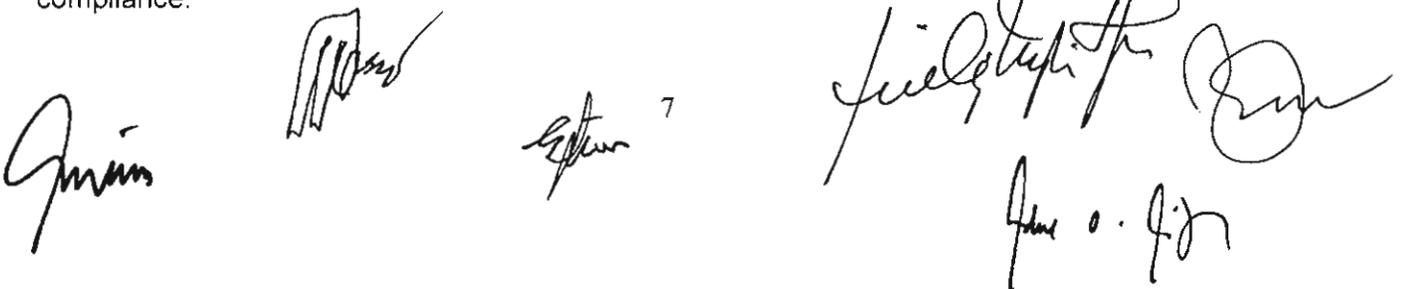
Section 16. Transmittal of Records. Within five (5) days upon receipt of the reply or opposition of the appellee or after the expiration of period to file the same, the entire records of the case which shall be consecutively numbered, shall be transmitted by the Board to the Commission.

RULE IV – CREDITABLE INCREASE

Section 1. Organized Establishment. Wage increase granted by an employer in an organized establishment within three (3) months prior to the effectivity of the Order may be credited as compliance with the prescribed increase set forth therein. Provided that an agreement to this effect has been forged between the parties or a provision in the collective bargaining agreement allowing credibility exists.

In the absence of such an agreement or provision in the CBA, any increase granted by the employer shall not be credited as compliance with the increase prescribed in this Order.

Section 2. Un-Organized Establishments. In unorganized establishments, wage increase granted by the employer within five (5) months prior to the effectivity of the Order may be credited as compliance.



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Section 3. Creditable Increase Given in the Form of Allowances. Where the increase given by the employer is in the form of allowances, the employer shall integrate the same into the basic wage of the workers to comply with the prescribed minimum wage under this Order.

However, if the amount of the increase is greater than the increase granted under this Wage Order, the employer has the option to integrate partially or in full the allowances earlier given. In the event of partial integration, any excess maybe retained as allowances.

Section 4. Creditable Increase Given Less than the Prescribed Adjustment. In case the increase given is less than the prescribed adjustment, the employer shall pay the difference. Such increase shall not include anniversary increases, merit wage increase and those resulting from the regularization or promotion of employees.

RULE V – SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Effect on Existing Wage Structure. Should any dispute arise as a result of wage distortion, the employer and the union shall negotiate to correct the distortions through the grievance procedure under their collective bargaining agreement, and if it remains unresolved, through voluntary arbitration. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties in writing, the voluntary arbitrator shall decide such dispute or panel of voluntary arbitrators within ten (10) calendar days from the time said dispute shall have been referred to voluntary arbitration.

In cases where there are no collective bargaining agreements or recognized labor unions, the employers and workers shall endeavor to correct such distortions. Any dispute arising there from shall be settled through the National Conciliation and Mediation Board and if it remains unresolved after ten (10) calendar days of conciliation, the same shall be referred to the appropriate branch of the National Labor Relations Commission (NLRC). The NLRC shall conduct continuous hearings and decide the dispute within twenty (20) calendar days from the time said dispute is submitted for compulsory arbitration.

The pendency of a dispute arising from wage distortion shall not in any way delay the applicability of any increase prescribed in the Order.

Section 2. Complaints for Non- Compliance. Complaints for non-compliance with the Order shall be filed with the Regional Office of the Department of Labor and Employment having jurisdiction over the workplace and shall be subjected to the mandatory thirty-days conciliation and mediation process under the Single Entry Approach (SENA). However, if settlement fails, the case becomes subject of enforcement proceedings under Articles 128 and 129 of the Labor Code as amended.

Section 3. Non-diminution of Benefits. Nothing in the Order and in this Rule shall be construed to reduce any existing wage rates, allowances and benefits of any form under existing laws, decrees, issuances, executive orders, and/or under any contract or agreement between the workers and the employers.

Section 4. Productivity-Based Wages. In order to sustain rising level of wages and enhance competitiveness, businesses are strongly encouraged to adopt productivity improvement schemes, such as time and motion studies, good housekeeping, quality circles, labor-management cooperation, as well as implement gain sharing programs. The Board shall provide the necessary studies and technical assistance in the implementation of productivity improvement programs.

Section 5. Implementation of Two-Tiered Wage System. On voluntary basis, and upon effectivity of this Order, employers who recognize the value and contribution of their workers, may provide productivity-based incentive pay to them based on indicators such as business performance, labor productivity, work behavior, competitiveness of establishments among others. The Board shall issue an advisory on the range of productivity incentive which may be applied by establishments.

Section 6. Penal Provision. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 12 of RA 6727, as amended by RA 8188, any person, corporation, trust, firm, partnership, association or entity which refuses or fails to pay any of the prescribed increases or adjustments in the wage rates made in accordance with this Act shall be punished by a fine not less than Twenty-five Thousand Pesos (P25,000) nor more than One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P100,000) or imprisonment of not less than two (2) years nor more than four (4) years or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court:

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Provided, that any person convicted under this Act shall not be entitled to the benefits provided for under the Probation Law.

The employer concerned shall be ordered to pay an amount equivalent to double the unpaid benefits owing to the employees: *Provided*. That payment of indemnity shall not absolve the employer from the criminal liability imposable under this Act.

If the violation is committed by a corporation, trust or firm, partnership, association or any other entity, the penalty of imprisonment shall be imposed upon the entity's responsible officers including but not limited to the president, vice president, chief executive officer, general manager, managing director or partner.

Section 7. Prohibition Against Injunction. No preliminary or permanent injunction or temporary restraining order may be issued by any court, tribunal or other entity against any proceedings before the Commission or Boards.

Section 8. Freedom to Bargain. The Order shall not be construed to prevent workers in particular firms or enterprises of industries from bargaining for higher wages and flexible working arrangements with their respective employers.

Section 9. Reporting Requirements. Any person, company, corporation, partnership or any entity engaged in business shall submit a verified itemized listing of their labor component to the Board not later than January 30, 2021 and every year thereafter in accordance with the form prescribed by the Commission.

Section 10. Repealing Clause. All orders, issuances, rules and regulations on wages, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of the Wage Order and this Rules are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

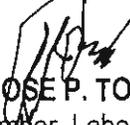
Section 11. Separability Clause. If any provision or part of the Order and this Rule, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the Order and this Rules or the application of such provision or part thereof to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Section 12. Effectivity of Rules. This rule shall take effect on _____.

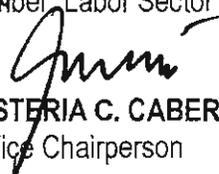
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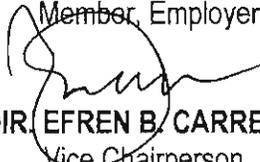

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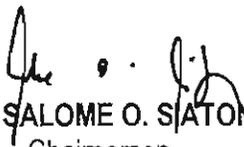

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