

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 20-54

Series of 2020

SUBJECT : LIFTING THE QUANTITY LIMITS FOR THE REMAINING PRODUCTS COVERED BY MC NO. 20-36, SERIES OF 2020

WHEREAS, as an emergency measure to strictly ensure the availability of vital and essential products at reasonable prices, and to protect the people from hoarding and panic buying for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency, the DTI issued Memorandum Circular (MC) Nos. 20-07, 20-10, and 20-25, all Series of 2020 (collectively "subject MCs"), directing retailers and consumers to limit the quantity of essential and vital goods that they sell and purchase, respectively;

WHEREAS, on 22 June 2020, given the assurance of manufacturers and retailers that the supply of products covered by the subject MCs are sufficient to cover consumer demand during the period of community quarantine, as is confirmed through regular monitoring activities, the DTI issued MC No. 20-36, Series of 2020, lifting the quantity limits of some products set under the subject MCs and retaining the limits on disinfecting alcohol, hand sanitizers, disinfecting liquids, and face masks (N95 and N88) (collectively "subject products");

WHEREAS, as stipulated under the Inter-Agency Task Force for Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) Resolution No. 75-A dated 28 September 2020, the community quarantine classifications in most areas throughout the country have been relaxed as most provinces, highly urbanized, cities and independent component cities are now placed under Modified General Community Quarantine;

WHEREAS, the manufacturers and retailers of disinfecting alcohol, hand sanitizers, disinfecting liquids, and face masks (N95 and N88) have likewise assured the DTI that their supply are now more than sufficient to cover consumer demand during the period of the COVID-19 public health emergency, and has been confirmed through regular monitoring activities. Thus, the recurrence of hoarding by businesses and panic buying by consumers of the subject products is remote;

WHEREAS, there is a need to invigorate and restore economic activities and allow businesses a fair return in their investments, while balancing the health of the people;

WHEREFORE, the foregoing considered, this MC is hereby issued for the information and guidance of all concerned.

Section 1. Lifting of Quantity Limits. – The quantity limits prescribed by MC No. 20-36, Series of 2020 for the following products are hereby lifted:

- a. Disinfecting alcohols;
- b. Hand sanitizers;
- c. Disinfecting liquids; and
- d. Face masks (N95 and N88).

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Section 3. Effectivity. – In view of the declared state of public health emergency, this MC shall be effective immediately upon its publication and filing with the Office of the National Administrative Register (ONAR) of the U.P. Law Center.

Issued this 15th day of October 2020 in Makati City, Philippines.


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