

**[ PEZA MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 2009-006, July 09, 2009 ]**

**GUIDELINES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SANITARY PERMITS FOR INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES AND FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE PUBLIC ECONOMIC ZONES**

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Part IV, Rule VII, Section 7 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act 7916 provides that:

"The PEZA, in coordination with the Department of Labor and Employment, shall conduct periodic inspection of plants within the ECOZONE to check on health, medical, occupational and safety standards of the buildings, structures and electro-mechanical equipment and machineries and the general conditions and maintenance of the plant."

Moreover, PEZA is also committed to the Occupational Safety and Health Standards (OSHS) which was formulated by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) in order to safeguard the working individual in the Philippines against the dangers of injury, sickness or death through safe and healthful working conditions.

In implementing these rules, PEZA public economic zones shall issue sanitary permits to industrial enterprises and food service establishments subject to the attached guidelines.

For the compliance of all concerned.

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ATTACHMENT:

**Guidelines for the Issuance of Sanitary Permit**

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people, the welfare of the workers and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, the Occupational Safety and Health Standards were formulated by the

Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) to safeguard the working individual in the Philippines, against the dangers of injury, sickness or death through safe and healthful working conditions;

WHEREAS, Chapters III and VII of Presidential Decree 856, otherwise known as the Code on Sanitation of the Philippines, provide for the sanitary requirements for Food Establishments and Industrial Hygiene, respectively;

WHEREAS, under Section 7, Rule VII of the Rules and Regulations to Implement R.A. 7916, as amended, the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) shall conduct periodic inspection at the facilities of the ecozone locator enterprises to check on health, medical, occupational and safety standards of the buildings, structures and electrical, mechanical equipment and machineries and the general conditions and maintenance of the plants;

WHEREAS, to ensure and safeguard the health of the workers in their workplace, PEZA has the authority to conduct inspections on the plants, buildings, facilities, structures and food establishments within the public ecozones, annually or as needed, and issue the corresponding sanitary permits to the entity concerned upon satisfactory finding or upon compliance of the requirements of PEZA;

NOW THEREFORE, PEZA shall adopt the following Guidelines for the issuance of Sanitary Permit for Industrial and Food Establishments within the public economic zones.

*SECTION 1. Scope.* All industrial and food service establishments within the public economic zones shall be covered by these guidelines.

*SECTION 2. Issuing Authority.* The industrial, food and service establishments concerned shall file their applications for inspection and for the issuance of the sanitary permit with the Fire and Industrial Safety Division (FISD) of the ecozone where they are located prior to their operation or every \_\_\_\_ day of January for existing establishments.

*SECTION 3. Sanitary Permit for Industrial Establishments.* Industrial establishments which include ecozone locators, and those entities with permit to locate shall comply with the following requirements:

1) Designate a Safety Officer who has fully complied with the requirements set forth in DOLE Department Order No. 16, S. 2001, Training and Accreditation of Personnel on Occupational Safety and Health.

2) Organize a Health and Safety Committee that shall adopt administrative policies on safety and health in accordance with the provisions of the Occupational Health and Safety Standards.

3) Secure an Industrial Permit upon complying with the following requirements:

a. Adequate and suitable sanitary facilities, such as toilets, restrooms and mess halls, likewise, there should be available clean water supply and appropriate structures/facilities for the treatment and disposal of septic