

[REVENUE REGULATIONS NO. 10-2015, October 06, 2015]

USE OF NON-THERMAL PAPER FOR ALL CASH REGISTER MACHINES (CRMS)/POINT-OF-SALES (POS) MACHINES AND OTHER INVOICE/RECEIPT GENERATING MACHINE/SOFTWARE

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SECTION 1. SCOPE. – Pursuant to the provisions of Section 244, in relation to Sections 203, 222 and 235 of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997 (NIRC), as amended, these Regulations is hereby promulgated to mandate the use of Non-thermal paper for all CRM/POS and other invoice/receipt-generating machine/software.

SECTION 2. BACKGROUND. – Pursuant to Section 1 of Revenue Regulations No. 5-2014, which states that:

"Section 1. Section 2 of Revenue Regulations No. 17-2013 is hereby amended to read as follows:"

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Section 2. RETENTION PERIODS. – *All taxpayers are required to preserve their books of accounts, including subsidiary books and other accounting records, for a period of Ten (10) years reckoned from the day following the deadline in filing a return, of if filed after the deadline, from the date of the filing of the return, for the taxable year when the last entry was made in the books of accounts.*

The term "other accounting records" includes the corresponding invoices, receipts, vouchers and returns, and other source documents supporting the entries in the books of accounts. They should also be preserved for a period of Ten (10) years counted from the date of last entry in the books to which they relate.

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Further, in relation to Section 5.2 of Revenue Regulations No. 11-2004, which states that:

"5.2 For Cash Register Machines:

xxx... Provided, that all tape receipts issued, and the data printed on the receipts, are of a quality that can be preserved for a period within which the Commissioner is authorized to make an assessment and collection of

taxes, as prescribed in Sections 203 and 222 of the National Internal Revenue Code, as amended.

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SECTION 3. NEW BUSINESS REGISTRANTS WITH CRM/POS/OTHER SIMILAR MACHINES/SOFTWARE. – All new business registrants with CRM/POS/other similar machines/software with built-in printer for their transactions shall use non-thermal paper only.

SECTION 4. EXISTING REGISTERED TAXPAYERS WITH CRM/POS/OTHER SIMILAR MACHINE/SOFTWARE USING THERMAL PAPER. – Considering the associated costs of transitioning to non-thermal paper, a tiered compliance structure is hereby put in place to allow concerned taxpayers to meet compliance requirements over a three (3) year-period (3 years depreciable life).

Accordingly, all existing taxpayers with CRM/POS/other similar machines/software using thermal paper for their daily transactions are subject to the herein prescribed staggered implementation dates, to wit:

For those subject machines registered starting:	Staggered Implementation Dates:
July 1, 2014 onwards	On or before July 1, 2018
July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014	On or before July 1, 2017
Prior July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013	On or before September 1, 2016

SECTION 5. INFORMATION THAT SHALL APPEAR AT THE OFFICIAL RECEIPTS/SALES INVOICES/OTHER COMMERCIAL INVOICES (ORs/SIs/ CIs) GENERATED FROM CRM/POS/OTHER SIMILAR MACHINES/ SOFTWARE. – The ORs for sales of services or SIs/CIs for sales of goods generated from CRM/POS/other similar machines/software, shall be printed showing among others the following:

1. Taxpayer’s (TP) Registered Name;
2. TP’s Business Name/style (if any);
3. A statement that the taxpayer is VAT or Non VAT registered followed by the Taxpayers Identification Number (TIN) and 4-digit Branch Code. (Example: VAT Registered TIN 123-456-789-0000);
4. Machine Identification Number (MIN);
5. Detailed Business address where such ORs/SIs/CIs shall be used/located;