

[MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 41, September 08, 1999]

AMENDING MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 61-A, SERIES OF 1993

In order to ensure the effective implementation of Republic Act No. 7171 entitled "An Act to Promote the Development of the Farmers in Virginia Tobacco Producing Provinces," and to provide for the share of beneficiary provinces equivalent to 15 percent of the excise taxes on locally-manufactured Virginia-type cigarettes, certain provisions of Memorandum Circular No. 61-A are hereby amended as follows:

"2.1 The Department of Budget and Management shall:

2.1.2 On the basis of National Tobacco Administration Certification, determine the (1) qualified beneficiary provinces by taking into account their average annual Virginia Tobacco production, which should not be less than one million kilos, and (2) compute the corresponding amount of their respective shares based on the adjusted Virginia tobacco acceptances.

2.1.3 Taking into account the cash management and programming procedures, and budgetary constraints, to issue a funding check directly to the beneficiary provinces monthly, based on the Advise of Allotment released for this purpose.

2.3 The National Tobacco Administration (NTA) shall:

2.3.1 Implement an effective and efficient system of documentation and reporting of Virginia Tobacco production and tobacco acceptances by the Trading Centers in the beneficiary provinces, and such other information as may be deemed necessary for the purpose.

2.3.2 Provide the DBM and the provincial governments concerned with a certification, duly approved by the NTA Administrator, of Virginia Tobacco acceptances by provinces for the immediate past year, provided, however, that such Certification shall be submitted to the DBM not later than the first quarter of the current year.

2.4 The Provincial government-beneficiary shall:

2.4.1 Record sparsely the receipts and disbursements of funds in order to account the balance of the funds released to them.

2.4.2 Ensure that all projects to be implemented are duly approved by their respective Sangguniang Panlalawigan through an appropriate ordinance or resolution.