



MC No. 10, s. 2007

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

- TO :** ALL HEADS OF CONSTITUTIONAL BODIES, DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS, OFFICES AND AGENCIES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, AND GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS WITH ORIGINAL CHARTERS
- SUBJECT :** *Implementation of the Provisions of Republic Act No. 9242, Otherwise Known as "An Act Prescribing the Use of the Philippine Tropical Fabrics for Uniform of Public Officials and Employees and for Other Purposes"*

Section 3 of Republic Act No. 9242 provides that *"the use of Philippine tropical fabrics is hereby prescribed for official uniforms of government officials and employees and for the purposes which require the use of fabrics in government offices and functions."*

Rule 2 of the Rules Implementing R.A. No. 9242 provides that *"all fabrics to be used for uniforms and other purposes shall contain at least 5% by weight for either abaca, banana, and pineapple and 15% by weight for silk. All government offices and their officials and employees shall use tropical fabrics following the effectivity of these Rules."*

In Civil Service Commission Memorandum Circular No. 11, s. 2006, the Commission was constrained to inform all agencies that for the year 2006, there will be non-implementation of R.A. No. 9242 since no manufacturer was able to meet the standards set by the Philippine Textile Research Institute (PTRI) of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and no fabric was certified to be compliant with the Tropical Fabrics Act.

On March 30, 2007, the PTRI informed the Commission that the samples which were submitted for testing by the Weavers' Textile Mills, Inc. (Weavertex) were found to be compliant with R.A. No. 9242, for availment as office uniforms of government officials and employees.

However, said tropical fabrics are of a limited supply, thus, there will be a pilot implementation for 2007, on a voluntary basis. Agencies who may wish to purchase tropical fabrics for their uniform requirements may directly contact Mr. Jose Antonio D. Olives, General Manager of Weaver's Textile Mills, inc. (Weavertex) with office address at 45 T. Santiago St., Canumay, Valenzuela City at telephone numbers 2925225, and 2926824. Said agencies will be part of the pilot implementation of the Tropical Fabrics Law.

Please be advised that the full implementation of R.A. No. 9242 will be in 2008.



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