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## **PNRI INFORMATION NOTICE 2017-02**

### **ISSUANCE OF THE FOLLOWING PNRI ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS:**

#### **PNRI ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 01, SERIES OF 2017:**

“EXTENDING THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL LICENSES”

#### **PNRI ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 02, SERIES OF 2017:**

“NEW SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL LICENSE WITH EXTENDED VALIDITY PERIOD AND LICENSES INCORPORATING AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSPORT RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 6 OF THE CODE OF PNRI REGULATIONS (CPR) PART 22 REV. 2”

### **ADDRESSEES**

All PNRI licensees and applicants of radioactive material license.

### **PURPOSE**

The Philippine Nuclear Research Institute (PNRI) is issuing this Information Notice to inform current license holders and applicants of the issuance of the PNRI Administrative Order No. 01 Series of 2017, which extends the validity period of radioactive material licenses from one year to either three or five years, unless sooner revoked or suspended. This new ruling seeks to optimize the resources of both the PNRI and licensees by applying a risk-based regulatory approach to focus on areas which present greater risks. In addition, the PNRI Administrative Order No. 02 Series of 2017 provides for the updated/revised license fees and charges for the regulatory services rendered by the PNRI in accordance with the new validity period, including the new fees for licenses with an authority to transport.

The PNRI Administrative Order No. 01 Series of 2017 was published in the Official Gazette Vol. 113 No. 20 on May 15, 2017 and the PNRI Administrative Order No. 02 Series of 2017 was published in the Official Gazette Vol. 113 No. 39 on September 4, 2017 and shall take effect fifteen (15) calendar days following its publication.

## **DESCRIPTION OF CIRCUMSTANCES**

The PNRI is mandated to issue licenses to qualified persons authorizing the conduct of activities for which a license is required in accordance with the Republic Act 5207, as amended by Presidential Decree 1484. Each license is issued for a specified period, as determined by the PNRI depending on the type of activity to be licensed. For the past years, the PNRI has been issuing new licenses with a validity period of twelve (12) months to twenty-three (23) months and twelve (12) months for license renewal. However, after a careful study and consideration of the current best international practices, the PNRI decides to extend the validity of licenses to a longer period depending on the practice or activity, type of use and quantities of radioactive materials, and the results/evaluation of inspection findings.

Moreover, consistent with the government's objective to simplify the processing of government documents, this new ruling will enable PNRI to improve the efficiency of services provided to its licensees and stakeholders. It is expected that resources spent on the review and evaluation of license applications will be significantly reduced, thus allocating available resources to areas with greater safety and security implications.

## **DISCUSSION**

The extended validity period will be of three-year or five-year duration, depending on the licensed facility or activity, unless a period of less than three or five years is specifically stipulated in the license by the PNRI. Existing licenses continue to be valid until their expiration date. The new license validity will only be implemented once the license is renewed. For new license applications, the validity period of the new license will follow the new rule.

While the requirements for renewing the license will still be the same and in accordance with the Code of PNRI Regulations, an increase in the license fees and charges will be implemented. The new schedule of fees and charges is stipulated in AO No. 02, S. 2017.

The PNRI Administrative Orders No. 01 and No. 02, Series of 2017 are now available and can be downloaded from the PNRI website ([www.pnri.dost.gov.ph](http://www.pnri.dost.gov.ph)).

## **REQUIRED LICENSEE RESPONSE**

Licensees/applicants are required to review the Administrative Orders for guidance and appropriate action, as necessary. No written response to this Information Notice is required.

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