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## **PNRI INFORMATION NOTICE 2014-03**

### **PNRI ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 01, SERIES OF 2013, ADOPTION OF THE IAEA SAFETY STANDARDS SSR-6 “REGULATIONS FOR THE SAFE TRANSPORT OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL” - 2012 EDITION**

#### **ADDRESSEES**

All PNRI licensees and applicants for radioactive material license.

#### **PURPOSE**

The Code of PNRI Regulations (CPR) Part 4, “*Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material in the Philippines*” is currently being revised and updated to address the recent developments in nuclear transport safety as they apply to the country. In support of the revision, the PNRI published Administrative Order No. 01, Series of 2013 adopting the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Safety Standards SSR-6 “Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material” – 2012 Edition. This Information Notice is issued to inform the licensees and applicants of the publication of the abovementioned AO in the Official Gazette, Vol. 110 No. 12 on 24 March 2014.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF CIRCUMSTANCES**

The current version of CPR Part 4 is based on the IAEA Safety Standards ST-1 “Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material – 1996 Edition”, This IAEA Safety Standards is used today by a majority of countries as the basis for their national regulations. In 2012, The IAEA issued revisions on its guidance documents on the safe transport of radioactive material. Recognizing the need to keep the regulations up-to-date, PNRI shall incorporate the relevant parts of the latest IAEA Safety Standards SSR-6 “Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material” into its own regulatory instruments to enhance its current regulatory control, whenever practicable, on the safe transport of radioactive materials by all modes of transport including transport which is incidental to the use of radioactive material.

#### **DISCUSSION**

The revision of CPR Part 4 will address the lingering issues raised by interested

parties on the requirements for securing “Authority to Transport” pertaining to its practicability, timeliness and resources involved. The current requirement as stipulated in Section 29 (c) of the current CPR Part 4 requires the licensee to secure from PNRI a written authorization to transport radioactive material for every transport activity from one location to another.

The proposed revision of the CPR Part 4 based on the latest IAEA Safety Standards SSR-6 shall require the current or prospective licensee to apply and secure a single authorization to transport radioactive materials that will cover all of its transport activities. This authorization to transport may be integrated into the practice-specific radioactive material license, as applicable, in accordance with Section 3 of CPR Part 2 and other regulatory requirements specified by PNRI and consistent with the IAEA SSR – 6 2012 Edition. The authorization to transport radioactive material will have a validity period similar to that of the radioactive material license.

The **PNRI ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 01, SERIES OF 2013** is 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 Order for guidance and appropriate action, as necessary. No written response to this Information Notice is required.

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