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TO : All CHED Regional Directors
Presidents/Head of Public and Private Education Institutions

SUBJECT : Prohibition of Smoking in Higher Education Institutions

DATE : December 14, 2007

In accordance with the provisions of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994" and in compliance with Republic Act (R.A.) No. 9211 otherwise known as "An Act Regulating the Packaging, Use, Sale, Distribution and Advertisements of Tobacco Products and for Other Purposes", this Commission hereby requires the proper implementation and enforcement of the smoking ban in all higher education institutions.

The government through the legislature instituted this measure to protect the populace from hazardous products, promote the right to health consciousness and enhance the general welfare, and safeguard the interests of the workers and stakeholders in the tobacco industry. To this end, the government, through RA 9211, has regulated the use, sale and advertisements of tobacco products.

Pursuant to this enactment, this Commission hereby adopts the following:

1. Smoking shall be absolutely prohibited in colleges and universities.
2. No outdoor advertisement shall be placed on billboards, murals, or transport stops, or stations which are within one hundred (100) meters from any point of the perimeter of a school.
3. No sale or distribution of tobacco products should be done within one hundred (100) meters from any point of the perimeter of a school.
4. A continuous information program on the harmful effects of smoking shall be conducted.

5. The Higher Education Institutions shall submit their semi-annual reports to the CHED Regional Offices on the actions undertaken in implementing RA 9122 and in compliance with this CMO.

This supersedes CHED Memorandum Order No. 56, s. 1998.

For guidance and immediate compliance of all concerned.

Issued this 27th day of December, Pasig City, Philippines.



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