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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

Series of 2018

To : Pulp Manufacturers (ALINDECO, SPMI, PSPI & NEWTECH)
Cordage Manufacturers (Davao Rope, Pacific Cordage, Oriental Rope)

From : PhilFIDA Executive Director

Subject : **Observance of Section 1, Chapter III FiDA Revised Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 1999**

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We receive unconfirmed reports that your sector has been accepting and utilizing loose fibers or fibers that did not pass inspection and approved by the Authority. To avoid inconvenience in the future, we remind all concerned to observe and comply with the above subject and we reiterate for emphasis. That:

*“ No fiber with official standard may be **consumed locally** or exported from the Philippines in any quantity without first being graded, baled and inspected, and duly approved and/ or certified by authorized inspectors. However, in case of fibers owned by fiber processors for domestic utilization, baling is optional”.*

Likewise, this circular was issued in relation with the directive of Secretary Manny Piñol of the DA for PhilFIDA to strictly enforce the Philippine National Standard on the classification and grading of abaca fibers to ensure that end-users receive the right quality of fibers.

Further, for your information we will post additional fiber inspector in your respective establishment to monitor deliveries, acknowledge Permit to Transport Fibers and inspect/ certify fibers whenever necessary.

Please be guided accordingly.

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