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TO : ALL ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS

SUBJECT : STRICT OBSERVANCE OF THE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8491, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "FLAG AND HERALDIC CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES"

DATE : 11 May 2022

All Accommodation Establishments (AEs) displaying the Philippine Flag within their premises are reminded to ensure compliance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 8491, otherwise known as the "*Flag and Heraldic Code of the Philippines*." Accordingly, AEs must observe the following guidelines:

1. **Where the Philippine Flag may be displayed.** The Philippine Flag may be displayed in the following locations:
 - a. Inside or outside the building or on stationary flagpoles. If the flag is displayed indoors on a flagpole, it shall be placed at the left of the observer as one enters the room;
 - b. From the top of a flagpole, which shall be at a prominent place or a commanding position in relation to the surrounding buildings;
 - c. From a staff projecting upward from the window sill, canopy, balcony, or facade of a building.
 - d. In a suspended position from a rope extending from a building to pole erected away from the building;
 - e. Flat against the wall vertically with the sun and stars on top; and
 - f. Hanging in a vertical position across a street, with the blue field pointing east, if the road is heading south or north, or pointing north if the road is heading east or west.¹

If planted on the ground, the flagpole shall be at a prominent place such as lobbies, driveways, or courtyards, and shall be of such height as would give the flag commanding position in relation to the buildings in the vicinity.

If attached to a building, the flagpole shall be on top of its roof or anchored on a sill projecting at an angle upward.

If on stage or platform, such as those in conference ballrooms and conference rooms, the flag shall be at the left (facing the stage) or the left of the office upon entering.²

2. **Proper display of colors.** The flag, if flown from a flagpole, shall have its blue field on top in time of peace and the red field on top in time of war; if in a hanging position, the blue field shall be to the right (left of the observer) in time of peace, and the red field to the right (left of the observer) in time of war. The flagpole staff must be straight and slightly tapering at the top.³

¹ Section 16.

² Section 11.

³ Section 10.

3. **When displayed with other flags.** When the Philippine flag is flown with another flag, the flags, if both are national flags, must be flown on separate staffs of the same height and shall be of equal size.¹ When displayed with another flag, the Philippine flag shall be on the right of the other flag. If there is a line of other flags, the Philippine flag shall be in the middle of the line.²
4. **Prohibited Acts.**
- a. The flag shall never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, flood, water or other objects.³
 - b. It is prohibited to use the national flag:
 - i. As a drapery, festoon, tablecloth;
 - ii. As covering for ceilings, walls, statues or other objects;
 - iii. As a pennant in the hood, side, back and top of motor vehicles;
 - iv. As a staff or whip;
 - v. For unveiling monuments or statues;
 - vi. As trademarks or for industrial, commercial or agricultural labels or designs;
 - vii. As a costume or uniform, in whole or in part;
 - viii. As a printed, painted or attached representation on handkerchiefs, napkins, cushions, and other articles of merchandise; and
 - ix. As part of or a display in any advertisement of infomercial.
 - c. It is prohibited to display the flag:
 - i. Under any painting or picture;
 - ii. Horizontally face-up. It shall always be hoisted aloft and be allowed to fall freely;
 - iii. Below any platform; or
 - iv. In clubs, casinos, or bars.

For the information and compliance of all concerned.


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¹ Section 12.

² Section 13.

³ Section 17.