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SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION ON THE IMPORTATION AND USE OF RECYCLED, RECOVERED, OR RECLAIMED HALONS 1211 AND 1301 IN THE LOCAL AVIATION INDUSTRY AS AN ESSENTIAL USES EXCEPTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 5 OF DAO 2013-25

Pursuant to Republic Act No. 6969, otherwise known as "*Toxic Substances and Hazardous and Nuclear Wastes Control Act of 1990*", and the Department Administrative Order No. 2013-25, otherwise known as the Revised Regulations on the Chemical Control Order for Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS), and in view of the Decision XXVI/7 of the 26th Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on the Management and Reduction of Remaining Uses of Halons, this Office resolves to recognize Section 5 of the DAO, to the end of meeting the current and future needs of the local aviation industry.

Consistent with Section 5 of DAO 2013-25 and considering that the local aviation industry remains to be dependent on the use of halons as fire suppressants particularly on the engines, auxiliary power units and cargo compartments, the importation of recovered, recycled or reclaimed Halon 1211 and/or Halon 1301 only for the said use are hereby recognized to fall within the said "*essential use exception*".

In view thereof, the requirements and procedures for the importation of the said substance as provided under Sections 7 and 8 of the DAO 2013-25 shall be observed, specifically the submission of certification from the national authority that the supplier is allowed to recycle, reclaim and distribute the said halons.

Furthermore, the export of the said halons shall conform to the guidelines specified under Section 11 of the DAO 2013-25.

This Memorandum Circular is hereby issued this 28th day of May 2020.


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