



Republic of the Philippines
Philippine Economic Zone Authority

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2024-021

TO : ALL PEZA-Registered Business Enterprises
ALL Economic Zone Administrators/Managers/OICs
Enterprise Assistance Group
Enterprise Regulations and Support Services Group
Environmental Safety Group
Environment, Health and Safety Division

PEZA - DTS



1519-2024-00041

FROM : TERESO O. PANGA
Director General

SUBJECT : Implementation of Republic Act No. 11898: "Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Act of 2022"

DATE : 25 April 2024

Republic Act (RA) No. 11898 otherwise known as Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Act of 2022 aims to address the post-consumer plastic packaging wastes introduced in the local waste stream.

Per guidance of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Environmental Management Bureau (DENR-EMB) through the National Ecology Center (NEC), all PEZA-registered business enterprises (RBEs), whose products are exported, are not covered by the said Act. The wastes generated during the regular course of operation of the RBEs, based on its classification, are already covered by the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 (RA 9003) or the Toxic Substances and Hazardous and Nuclear Waste Control Act of 1990 (RA 6969).

However, the DENR-EMB emphasized that, as defined under Section 44-B of this Act, it is the responsibility of all enterprises to determine whether they fall within the definition of "Obligated Enterprises". RBEs may be considered as "Obligated Enterprises" if portions of their manufactured products are distributed and sold locally. Such obligated enterprises are mandated to register their EPR Programs to the NEC.

In addition, the DENR-EMB still "encourages registration of EPR Programs even to those who are not obliged to do so, as an extended partnership for a cleaner and greener environment".

We are attaching, herewith, the copy of the letter of the DENR-EMB dated 02 April 2024 in response to the letter of PEZA dated 09 August 2023 for your reference in relation to this concern.

For inquiries and/or concerns regarding the matter, you may directly coordinate with the NEC through telephone # +638 373-3433 or with the PEZA-Environmental Safety Group through email ensd@peza.gov.ph or telephone # +638 551-6561.

For your guidance and strict compliance.



09 August 2023

ENGR. GILBERT C. GONZALES

Environmental Management Bureau Director and
OIC Assistant Secretary for Luzon and Visayas
Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
Diliman, Quezon City

Dear **Director and Assistant Secretary Gonzales:**

Warmest greetings from the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA)!

The Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) would like to request guidance from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Environmental Management Bureau (DENR-EMB) through the National Ecology Center (NEC) on the implementation of Republic Act No. 11898 Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Act 2022 to the economic zones.

PEZA recognizes the objectives of the EPR on waste reduction, recovery and recycling; development of environment-friendly products; advocating sustainable consumption and production, circular economy; and, enforcement of producers' full responsibility throughout the life cycle. However, PEZA would like to know more of the applicability of EPR in the economic zones since most of our registered business enterprises (RBEs) in the economic zones manufacture products for export.

Furthermore, some of our RBEs would like also to clarify the significance of the Commitment Sheet they were asked to sign during one of the Regional Orientation in Region III. They are concerned of the implications of the said sheet, most specially it was not clarified with them the purpose of the document.

Our Environmental Safety Group will be coordinating with your office regarding the matter. Alternatively, you may contact them through telephone number (+632) 8551-6561 or through email ensd@peza.gov.ph

Thank you very much for your continued support in our endeavor!

Very truly yours,

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10 January 2024

ENGR. GILBERT C. GONZALES

Environmental Management Bureau Director and
OIC Assistant Secretary for Luzon and Visayas
Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
Diliman, Quezon City

Dear **Director and Assistant Secretary Gonzales:**

Warmest greetings from the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA)!

We would like to follow up the reply from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Environmental Management Bureau (DENR-EMB) through the National Ecology Center (NEC) regarding our request for guidelines on the implementation of Republic Act No. 11898 Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Act 2022 to the economic zones indicated in our letter dated 09 August 2023 with **EPR - IIS TRACKING CO-2023-028457**.

In the said letter, PEZA inquired about the applicability of EPR in the economic zones since most of our registered business enterprises (RBEs) in the economic zones manufacture products for export.

Our team has been following up for the DENR-EMB's reply through telephone calls since 04 October 2023 because we were not able to receive any response except for the acknowledgement receipt of our letter sent through email and a letter dated 11 August 2023. The last time we were able to speak with a DENR personnel through telephone was on 12 December 2023, where we were told that your reply was already for final review and signature, after which we were no longer able to reach the telephone lines we were previously calling.

As one of our partner agencies, we value your guidance on such matters so we can assist properly both our valued RBEs towards compliance and your team as the regulator implementing such policy or law.

Our Environmental Safety Group will continue to coordinate with your office regarding the matter. Alternatively, you may contact them through telephone number (+632) 8551-6561 or through email ensd@peza.gov.ph

Thank you very much for EMB's continued support to PEZA's initiatives.

Very truly yours,

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Dear **Deputy Director ALGUSO:**

Greetings!

This refers to your request for guidance from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources - Environmental Management Bureau, through the National Ecology Center for the Implementation of Republic Act No. 11898 otherwise known as the EPR Act of 2022, to the economic zones.


In view of this, as the EPR Act addresses post-consumer plastic packaging wastes introduced in the local waste stream, registered business enterprises (RBEs) in PEZA whose products are exported are not covered by the EPR Act of 2022. They may be covered, however, if portions of their manufactured products are distributed and sold locally. The wastes generated during the regular course of operation of the RBEs, based on its classification, are covered either by the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 (RA 9003) or the Toxic Substances and Hazardous and Nuclear Wastes Control Act of 1990 (RA 6969).

In so far as the commitment sheet is concerned, the mandate to register their EPR Programs are for obliged enterprises as defined under **Section 44-B of Republic Act No. 11898**. It is therefore the responsibility of every enterprise to determine whether they fall within the definition of Obligated Enterprises.

Nevertheless, we encourage the registration of EPR Programs even to those who are not obliged to do so, as an extended partnership for a cleaner and greener environment.

We hope to have provided the necessary guidance for your future compliance.

Very truly yours,


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