



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
CARAGA REGION



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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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To: ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR
CHIEFS OF FUNCTIONAL DIVISIONS
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
ASSISTANT SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
ALL PERSONNEL
This Region

**PROHIBITION ON THE ENTRY AND USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC
PRODUCTS IN ALL DEPED CARAGA OFFICES AND SCHOOLS,
TRAININGS, SEMINARS, AND ACTIVITIES**

1. Republic Act No. 9003 known as the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 or An Act Providing for an Ecological Solid Waste Management Program, Creating the Necessary Institutional Mechanisms and Incentives, Declaring Certain Acts Prohibited and Providing Penalties, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes, set guidelines and targets for solid waste avoidance and volume reduction through source reduction and waste minimization measures, including composting, recycling, re-use, recovery, green charcoal process, and others, before collection, treatment and disposal in appropriate and environmentally sound solid waste management facilities in accordance with ecologically sustainable development principles.
2. The National Solid Waste Management Commission (NSWMC) issued Resolution No. 1363, Series of 2020 directing the DENR to implement the ban on the use of "unnecessary" single-use plastic products by national government agencies, local government units (LGUs), and all other government-controlled offices.
3. The Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB) also issued Resolution No. 25-2017, "Recognizing the Green Public Procurement (GPP) Roadmap and Adopting the Technical Specifications for the Ten (10) Common-Use Supplies and Equipment (CSE) and Ten (10) Noncommon-Use Supplies and Equipment (Non-CSE).
4. Relative to this, the Department of Education (DepEd) Caraga hereby adopts the following policies:
 - a. All Regional, Schools Division, and School procurement committees shall align their specifications to the above-mentioned laws and regulations, and integrate in



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their conditions of procurement the prohibition of entry and use of single-use plastic products, such as but not limited to the following:

- i. cups less than 0.2 millimeter in thickness
- ii. drinking straws
- iii. coffee stirrers
- iv. spoons and forks
- v. knives
- vi. "labo" or thin and translucent plastic bags
- vii. thin-filmed sando bags lower than 15 microns

b. Plastic bottled water shall not be allowed inside RO and SDO offices/school premises. Potable and safe drinking water in a dispenser shall be served during activities. All personnel, and participants to activities shall bring their own water tumblers.

c. Packed meals shall be served in food-grade biodegradable containers/packaging and utensils. Plastic utensils/cutlery are strictly prohibited. All personnel, and participants to activities are advised to bring their own utensils/cutlery.

d. Food containers/packaging of personal food deliveries, shall not be thrown in any waste/trash bin inside the offices/schools. All personnel are directed to bring home their personal plastic waste.

e. The Security Guards are directed to inspect all bags, packages, and deliveries of catering services to ensure that the above-mentioned policies are strictly followed, and shall not allow entry into the office/school premises any form of single-use plastic products.

f. End-users and the Bids and Awards Committee shall make sure that specifications in food packaging and drinks are compliant with this Memorandum.

5. For your information, guidance, and compliance.


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Office of the Regional Director

Encl/s.: None

Reference/s: As stated

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