



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT of AGRARIAN REFORM

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 7
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SUBJECT : Compliance with the Implementing Guidelines and Instructions on Purchasing, Prescribing, Dispensing and Administering of Drugs and Medicines as well as Promoting, Regulating and Practicing the Use of Generic Names of Drugs.

Whereas Republic Act No. 6675 dated July 25, 1988 provides that:

I. PROCUREMENT OF DRUGS AND MEDICINES

- A. Drugs and medicines shall be procured on the basis of their generic use. All documents such as RIV's, bid documents, purchase orders, vouchers and other necessary documents relating to procurement and disbursement of drugs shall specify drug product items in their generic names. This shall cover both regular as well as emergency procurements, through bidding as well as by canvass.
- B. Drugs and medicines purchased on generic specifications may also be identified by their brand names. In any manner, said purchases may be kept on stock and their use should remain exclusively on the basis of their generic specification.

II. PRESCRIBING AND ORDERING

- A. All prescriptions and requisitions for drugs and medicines shall be specified in generic terminology. In all written requisitions, the generic name of the drug's active ingredient shall be indicated. Brand names may also be added, but eventually all orders shall use generic names exclusively.
- B. Mandatory implementation of generic prescribing commences on April 15, 1989.

III. DISPENSING AND ADMINISTERING

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A. All medical aides and health units which dispense drugs and medicines in the Department (medical and dental clinic) shall adopt and practice generic dispensing.

- B. Upon effectivity of mandatory generic prescribing, mandatory generic dispensing shall also take effect.
- C. Branded products may be dispensed and used, provided such is based on the generic active ingredient as well as same dose, form and delivery made were specified in the prescription.

IV. VIOLATION

Repeated or substantial violations of this order shall be regarded as violations of administrative discipline under Presidential Decree 807. Subject personnel shall be liable to administrative actions in addition to penalties provided by R.A. 6675

V. EFFECTIVITY

These rules and regulations shall take effect immediately and shall supersede all issuance inconsistent therewith.

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Dear Sec. Juico:

We would like to seek your assistance and cooperation in the implementation of Republic Act No. 6675 otherwise known as the Generics Act of 1988.

Section 6(a) of R.A. 6675 states that "all government health agencies and their personnel as well as other government agencies shall use generic terminology or generic names in all transactions related to purchasing, prescribing, dispensing and administering of drugs and medicines". In this regard, the Department of Health had already issued an administrative order to guide the implementation of this provision by the Department of Health personnel. A copy of this administrative order is attached for your information. We would like to request you to assist us in implementing R.A. 6675 by way of issuing an appropriate administrative order for the personnel of the Department of Agrarian Reform. Should you require technical assistance in orienting your staff on R.A. 6675, kindly feel free to get in touch with Dr. Quintin Kintanar, Assistant Secretary for Standards and Regulation of this Department.

In order for all government agencies to be within the timetable for the implementation of the Generics Act of 1988, may we request that the administrative order should specify that all transactions in your department relative to drugs and medicines will follow the provisions of the Law effective May 1989 at the latest. We will appreciate receiving a copy of this administrative order.

Thank you in anticipation of a favorable action on our request.

Very truly yours,


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