



The Department of Energy, through the Oil Industry Management Bureau (DOE-OIMB), is mandated to set the fuel quality specifications in the downstream oil industry and ensure effective implementations. The fuel quality standards development is in line with the objectives of the Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999 (RA8749), the Biofuels Act of 2006 (RA9367), the continuing improvements of the emission requirements, and the evolving clean fuel initiatives and environmental policies relating to fuel quality.

The Technical Committee on Petroleum Products and Additives (TCPPA), chaired by DOE-OIMB and co-chaired by the Department of Environmental and Natural Resources – Environmental Management Bureau (DENR-EMB), agreed the adoption in toto of the **ISO 8217:2024 – Products from petroleum, synthetic and renewable sources – Fuels (class F) – Specifications of marine fuels**

This standard addresses the technical requirements of marine fuels used on board and effectively implement the statutory requirements of sulfur content as defined in the MARINA Circular No. SR 2020-06 Series of 2020 “*Rules and Regulations on the Mandatory Use of 0.50% m/m Sulphur Limit on Fuel Oil for all Philippine Registered Ships in Compliance to Annex VI of MARPOL 73/78 Amended*”

Further, this is also consistent with the continuing program of the government towards the use of cleaner fuels by considering the global thrust towards harmonization of fuel quality standard specification, with the end view of improving emissions from ships operations without sacrificing marine environment, health and safety to the public as well as ensuring supply availability.

In view of the above, the DOE-TCPPA had proceeded for the two (2) months general circulations of the draft PNS through the Department of Trade and Industry – Bureau of Philippine Standards (DTI-BPS). We would like to inform our stakeholders, downstream oil industry participants, and the public that you may directly communicate with DTI-BPS to access the standard ISO 8217:2024. A copy of the Notification to Stakeholders from DTI-BPS is also attached for further guidance. The same was also posted in the DTI-BPS website on July 2024. Comments are also to be consolidated through DTI-BPS. In consideration, it is suggested that any proposed changes to the specifications shall be supported with explanations and justifications. Non-receipt of your comments shall be construed as an approval of the adoption of the standard.

For your guidance.

Very truly yours,


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