



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT  
MALACAÑANG, MANILA

**NATIONAL BUDGET CIRCULAR**

No. 561

January 4, 2016

**TO :** All Heads of Departments/Agencies/State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) and Other Offices of the National Government Including Commissions/Offices under the Constitutional Fiscal Autonomy Group (CFAG), Government Owned or Controlled Corporations (GOCCs) and Local Government Units (LGUs) Receiving Budgetary Support; Budget Officers, Heads of Accounting; and All Others Concerned

**SUBJECT :** Guidelines on the Release of Funds for FY 2016

**1.0 POLICY STATEMENT**

- 1.1 The government continues to explore measures to ensure the timely delivery of goods and services to the public. These include the adoption of the General Appropriations Act as a release document (GAARD), a reform initiative authorizing implementation of programs and projects in the GAA immediately upon its enactment.
- 1.2 Consistent with the thrust of transparency and accountability for greater credibility of the budget, the FY 2016 GAA now contains only a limited number of Special Purpose Funds (SPFs), due in part to the integration in the respective budgets of agencies, the funding for filled and/or creation of positions, retirement gratuity and terminal leave benefits of all compulsory retirees.

**2.0 PURPOSES**

- 2.1 To provide policies, procedures, rules and regulations on the release, utilization of funds, and monitoring thereof for FY 2016.
- 2.2 To synchronize fund release with the implementation of the overall physical and financial plans, targets and schedules submitted by the departments, agencies, and/or operating units (OUs).

**3.0 COVERAGE**

All departments, agencies and OUs of the National Government, including the CFAG, SUCs, GOCCs and LGUs receiving budgetary support from the national government from all sources of appropriations, such as RA No. 10717 or the FY 2016 GAA and Automatic Appropriations.



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Schedule I of NBC No. 561 dated January 4, 2016

GAA Items For Comprehensive Release (FCR) through GAARD

1.0 For PS:

- 1.1 Release of the full amount of the approved budget per GAA pertaining to filled positions of NGAs.
- 1.2 Lump-sum for PS under Agency Specific Budget:

1.2.1 Provision for unfilled positions:

1.2.1.1 For CFAG agencies – 100%;

1.2.1.2 For the rest of NGAs – the deficiency to cover the full year requirements corresponding to the positions filled up in FY 2015 and funded from the FY 2015 MPBF which have **not been provided for in the appropriations for salaries under the FY 2016 GAA.**

PS allotments comprehensively released may be used by the agency to fund the filling up of authorized vacant positions during the year. In case of insufficiency of PS allotments, agencies may later submit to DBM, request(s) for release of additional allotments, to be charged against the MPBF.

- 1.2.2 The following lump-sum funds under the budget of DepEd shall also be comprehensively released, the obligation of which shall be subject to compliance with certain documentary requirements:

1.2.2.1 Equivalent Record Forms (ERFs);

1.2.2.2 Conversion to Master Teacher (MT) Positions;

1.2.2.3 Reclassification of Positions; and

1.2.2.4 Special Hardship Allowance, net of budget provision for increase.

## 2.0 For MOOE (including FinEx) and CO

- 2.1 Release of the **full amount** categorized under FCR consistent with the agency-formulated Financial Plan (FP). This includes provisions for the following, among others:
  - 2.1.1 **Quick Response Fund** under the budgets of DSWD-OSEC, DND-OSEC and OCD, DA-OSEC, DepEd-OSEC, DOTC-OSEC, DOH-OSEC, DPWH-OSEC and NIA;
  - 2.1.2 Lump sum for Repair and Maintenance of School Buildings under MOOE of the budget of the DepEd;
  - 2.1.3 CMLs of agencies concerned, if already disaggregated per agency FP;
  - 2.1.4 Farm to Market Roads of DA categorized as FCR;
  - 2.1.5 Bottom-Up Budgeting (BuB) projects of agencies listed under Volume I of the FY 2016 GAA to be implemented by LGUs. The obligation of funds for such projects shall be subject to the implementing LGUs' compliance with the Good Financial Housekeeping component of the Seal of Good Local Governance and the LGU Public Financial Management (PFM) Improvement Program.
  - 2.1.6 Provisions for Supplies, Materials and Office Equipment, subject to submission of FY 2016 Annual Procurement Plan – Common-Use Supplies and Equipment (APP-CSE);
  - 2.1.7 Communication equipment, subject to prior clearance from the National Telecommunications Commission;
  - 2.1.8 Firearms, subject to prior approval of the Philippine National Police;
  - 2.1.9 Research and development projects in agriculture and fisheries, natural, technological and engineering sciences, consistent with the DA's or DOST's respective master plans on the priority research programs and projects to be implemented ;
  - 2.1.10 Books to be procured by agencies, other than schools and the National Library of the Philippines (NLP), exceeding the authorized five (5) copies per title, subject to prior approval from DBM;
  - 2.1.11 On-going Foreign-Assisted Projects (FAPs), subject to compliance with certain conditionalities; and
  - 2.1.12 Grants, subsidies and contributions – subject to submission of details indicating the purpose, amount for each beneficiary, and the complete list of recipients, among others.
- 2.2 Contributions to International Organizations under MOOE, in compliance with various Agreements with the Philippines as a signatory.

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**Schedule II of NBC No. 561 dated January 4, 2016**

**Expenditure Items For Later Release (Negative List) through SARO/GARO**

- 1.0 Issuance of SARO/GARO for the following appropriation items **Not Requiring Submission of Special Budget Request (SBR)**:
  - 1.1 **GAA items through SARO**
    - 1.1.1 Budgetary support (i.e., operating subsidy) to heavily-subsidized GOCC equivalent to one quarter requirements of the full year subsidy appropriation.
    - 1.1.2 Initial release of pension requirements corresponding to one-fourth of the full year program for pension for the following, chargeable against the PGF:
      - 1.1.2.1 AFP retirees and war/military veterans of the DND GHQ and PVAO;
      - 1.1.2.2 Uniformed personnel of DILG (BFP, BJMP, PNP including PC-INP)
      - 1.1.2.3 DENR-NAMRIA
      - 1.1.2.4 DOTC-PCG
      - 1.1.2.5 Other retirees whose pensions are funded by the national government, i.e., ERC, DOLE-NLRC
    - 1.1.3 Full year requirement of Local Government Support Fund – Bottom-Up Budgeting (LGSF-BUB).
    - 1.1.4 Allocation for LGUs such as shares from national wealth and special taxes shall be released pursuant to the Special Provisions of the current year's GAA duly supported by the necessary certifications from the BTr and the collecting agency.

## 1.2 Automatically Appropriated items

1.2.1 RLIP through GARO for all agencies, except the following which shall be released through SARO:

1.2.1.1 Full year requirements for RLIP for the following departments/agencies:

a. For charging against Special Accounts in the General Funds (SAGFs):

- DOF – Insurance Commission
- DPWH – Office of the Secretary (Road Board)
- DOTC – Office of Transportation Security

b. Covered by special arrangements:

- ARMM – DepEd
- ALGU – MMDA

1.2.1.2 RLIP for newly filled/created positions and deficiencies in RLIP contributions, as the case may be.

1.2.2 Full Year Allocation for other Automatically Appropriated Items through SARO, as follows:

1.2.2.1 Interest Payments

1.2.2.2 Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) of provinces, cities, municipalities, barangays, including adjustments for MMDA and loan amortization to MDFO

1.2.2.3 Pensions of Ex-Presidents' Spouses

1.2.2.4 Operating requirements of the following agencies included in Table B.17 of the FY 2016 BESF which are fully dependent on income collections accruing to its SAGFs or with very minimal budget provision in the GAA:

- a. DOF – Insurance Commission – PS, MOOE and CO;
- b. DOTC - Office of Transport Security – PS, MOOE and CO;
- c. DOLE – Office of the Secretary (Verification Fees) – PS and MOOE;
- d. OEO – HLURB – MOOE and CO; and
- e. DOJ – Land Registration Authority - MOOE and CO.

2.0 Issuance of SARO for the following appropriation items **Requiring Submission of SBR** (supported with Separate/Detailed FP, MDP, physical plan and other required documentary) to DBM.

2.1 **GAA items**

2.1.1 For **CMIs or lump-sum appropriations within the Agency Specific Budgets**, the agencies concerned shall submit the SBR supported with the list of specific OUs which shall implement the project and amount allocated to each OU.

2.1.2 Terminal Leave/Retirement Gratuity (TL/RG) of **compulsory retirees** of departments/agencies chargeable against lump-sums in agency specific budgets.

2.1.3 Health Facilities Enhancement Program (HFEP) with scope of work still to be identified, Assistance to Indigent Patients subject to submission of documentary requirements, and National Health Insurance Program of DOH subject to submission of billing statement as required under SP for the purpose;

2.1.4 Eligible expenditures for charging against **multi-user SPFs** (e.g. CF, MPBF, PGF) consistent with the Special Provisions of the respective SPF.

2.1.4.1 **PGF** shall be used to fund the pension requirements, RG and TL benefits of **optional** retirees including those retiring under R.A. 1616, monetization of leave credits of government employees, separation and incentives for those affected by restructuring, merger, streamlining, abolition, or privatization.

The release of subsequent SAROs to cover **pension requirements** for the second to fourth quarters of pensioners cited in item 1.1.2 shall be based on the latest list of actual pensioners provided by the agencies concerned, as confirmed by DBM and supported with the required BFARs.

2.1.4.2 **MPBF** shall be used to fund PS deficiencies of employees who are still in the government service, such as salaries, bonuses (including performance-based bonuses and performance enhancement incentive), allowances, associated premiums and other personnel benefits, except those pertaining to filling-up of existing and newly created positions already provided under the agencies' budgets.

2.1.5 Remaining balance of the budgetary support for GOCCs, including equity subsidy/contributions.

2.1.6 Allocation for LGUs, specifically collections pertaining to Fire Code fees, shall be released pursuant to the pertinent SP of the FY 2016 GAA and specific guidelines governing the allocation and use of the funds, duly supported by the pertinent certifications from the BTr and the collecting agency.

2.2 **Automatically appropriated items**

2.2.1 Any adjustment to effect the authorized deductions from the IRA, i.e., LGU contributions to MMDS and loan amortization to the Municipal Development Fund Office.

2.2.2 Tax Expenditure Fund.

2.2.3 The rest of the SAGFs (excluding those cited under item 1.2.2 hereof), listed in Table B.17 of the BESF, to be released supported with BTr certification on the latest available balance of the SAGF.

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#### 4.0 GENERAL GUIDELINES

- 4.1 The effectivity of RA No. 10717 is on **January 1, 2016** as provided under **Section 105, General Provisions (GP)** of said law.
- 4.2 The appropriations authorized under R.A. No. 10717 shall be valid for release and obligation for the purpose specified and subject to the pertinent special and general provisions:
- 4.2.1 For Personnel Services (PS) – until December 31, 2016.
- 4.2.2 For Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) and Capital Outlays (CO) – until December 31, 2017.
- 4.2.3 For Financial Expenses (FinEx) – until December 31, 2017, considering that it is similarly treated as MOOE.
- 4.3 Agencies are nonetheless encouraged to implement priority socio-economic and development programs and projects, as well as those intended to mitigate and address disaster-related concerns until December 31, 2016.
- 4.4 The aggregate allotment releases during the year from all appropriation sources shall not exceed the Allotment Release Program (ARP) of each agency which corresponds to the following:
- 4.4.1 Agency-Specific Appropriations under the FY 2016 GAA, including those released from SPFs;
- 4.4.2 Automatic appropriations for Retirement and Life Insurance Premiums (RLIP), Special Accounts in the General Fund (SAGF) and other items classified as such under the appropriate tables (i.e., **Tables B.2.c, B.17 and H**) of the FY 2016 Budget of Expenditures and Sources of Financing (BESF); and
- 4.4.3 Continuing appropriations, i.e., allotments chargeable against the unreleased appropriations for the MOOE and CO in the FY 2015 GAA.
- 4.5 Funds to be released shall be consistent with the Budget Execution Documents (BEDs) for FY 2016 which include the Financial Plan (FP) that contains the categorization of the agency budget into "For Comprehensive Release (FCR)" and "For Later Release (FLR)." All items of appropriations under FLR shall not be covered under the GAARD and shall constitute the negative list (NL).
- The obligational authority for the release of items of appropriations in the GAA shall be as follows:
- 4.5.1 GAA for those categorized as FCR, as enumerated in the attached **Schedule I** hereof; and
- 4.5.2 Special Allotment Release Order (SARO) or General Allotment Release Order (GARO) for those categorized as FLR, as listed in the attached **Schedule II** hereof.
- 4.6 Consistent with **GP No. 50** of FY 2016 GAA, appropriations for PS shall be used for the payment of personnel benefits authorized by law to be given to National Government personnel, computed based on the Government Manpower Information System (GMIS), as well as any **deficiency in authorized personnel benefits that may be determined during the year. Use of PS appropriations for this purpose shall not be considered as a form of realignment.**



- 4.6.1.1 Deficiency in the provision for Magna Carta benefits, resulting from:
    - a. additional recipients arising from newly issued certifications or hiring of new employees; and
    - b. other adjustments due to inadvertent omission or erroneous encoding in the GMIS.
  - 4.6.1.2 Deficiency in specific-purpose allowances and benefits such as overtime pay, honoraria and representation and transportation allowance, among others, subject to existing conditions in the grant of such benefits;
  - 4.6.1.3 Award of backpay for cases with final and executory decisions of competent authorities such as courts, CSC, COA, etc.; and
  - 4.6.1.4 Personnel benefits authorized in prior years but approved only for payment during the current year. **This does not cover prior years unbooked obligations.**
- 4.7 Release of funds shall be made directly to the OUs of agencies. An OU refers to an organizational entity directly receiving, and capable of administering, its own funds.
- 4.7.1 Funds included in the budget of the Central Offices but intended for other OUs, either as a lump-sum or with specific allocations, shall be released directly to said OUs, in accordance with the approved distribution of expenditures pursuant to **GP No. 68** of the FY 2016 GAA.
  - 4.7.2 Centrally-Managed Items (CMI) or those items in the budget of agencies for which the OUs and the specific amounts allocated for each have not been identified in the GAA shall be released directly to the OU upon receipt by the DBM of a Special Budget Request (SBR) or breakdown, with corresponding costs up to the lowest level (provincial, city, municipal level, as the case may be) pursuant to **GP No. 70** of FY 2016 GAA.
- 4.8 Pursuant to the pertinent special provisions in the GAA, agency appropriations authorized to be implemented by another agency shall be directly released to the implementing agency through the GAARD, in the case of FCR (Annex A-1), and SARO, in the case of FLR (Annex B-1). In both cases, **no additional SARO for memo entry purposes is required.**
- 4.9 Use of Fees and Income
- 4.9.1 Agencies listed in Schedule II (item 1.2.2) which are authorized by specific laws may utilize income collections accruing to their SAGFs to cover their operating requirements, in addition to their budget provisions in the GAA, subject to the pertinent budgeting rules and regulations.
  - 4.9.2 Agencies, which do not have appropriation in their budgets for the purpose, may use the following sources of fees or income to cover related expenses:
    - 4.9.2.1 Fees collected from the conduct of seminars, trainings and conferences, consistent with **GP No. 13** of FY 2016 GAA.

4.6.1 Any available allotment for PS within an agency may be utilized for the

- 4.9.2.2 Proceeds from the sale of official publications, to defray the cost of preparing, printing and disseminating such official publications, consistent with **GP No. 14** of FY 2016 GAA.
- 4.9.3 **Agencies with Excess income** (actual collections vis-à-vis the targets shown in Table C.4 of the FY 2016 BESF as adjusted) realized, deposited and as certified by the Bureau of the Treasury may be authorized to use excess income chargeable against the **Unprogrammed Appropriations (UA)** of the GAA, pursuant to **UA Special Provision (SP) No. 2** of the UA, provided that the said excess income shall be utilized during the current year:
- 4.9.3.1 To augment operating requirements, except PS appropriations as well as discretionary and representation expenses; and
- 4.9.3.2 To ensure the improved delivery of services.
- 4.10 The following transparency provisions in the FY 2016 GAA shall be observed:
- 4.10.1 The DBM shall post on its website, the FY 2016 GAA, with the corresponding Unified Accounts Code Structure (UACS).
- 4.10.2 All are reminded to comply with the following transparency provisions in the FY 2016 GAA:
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| 4.10.2.1 | <b>GP No. 12:</b>              | Transparency on Public Funds                               |
| 4.10.2.2 | <b>GP No. 96:</b>              | Report on Commission on Audit findings and recommendations |
| 4.10.2.3 | <b>GP No. 97:</b>              | Submission of Reports                                      |
| 4.10.2.4 | <b>GP No. 98:</b>              | Transparency in Infrastructure Projects                    |
| 4.10.2.5 | <b>GP No. 99:</b>              | Transparency Seal                                          |
| 4.10.2.6 | <b>SP No. 9 of BSGC-Others</b> | Transparency Seal                                          |
- 4.11 Reporting Requirements
- 4.11.1 The DBM shall conduct a periodic monitoring and review of agency utilization of funds in the production or delivery of goods and services to the public vis-à-vis plans/targets for a given period based on the formulated BEDs and quarterly BFARs.
- 4.11.2 For this purpose, regular consultations shall likewise be undertaken to monitor agency fund utilization (in terms of actual obligations and disbursements). Agencies are reminded to submit the **Monthly Report on Appropriations, Obligations and Disbursements** to DBM, every tenth day of the following month, copy furnished the NEDA and Office of the Cabinet Secretary, in the format prescribed under CL No. 2015-9<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> DBM CL No. 2015-9 dated June 30, 2015 (*Prescribing the Submission of Summary Performance Monitoring Reports*)

#### 4.12 Reporting Timelines

4.12.1 Agencies' Revised Performance Targets corresponding to changes, i.e., increases, reductions, new budgetary items introduced in the GAA, for submission to DBM on or before **February 5, 2016**.

4.12.2 Agencies' Operating Monthly Disbursement Program (OMDP), for submission to DBM on or before **May 31, 2016**. The OMDP duly supported with justification shall consider the latest available actual disbursement performance for the first semester and the emerging requirements for the rest of the year, but will not exceed the full year MDP level as approved by the DBCC.

4.12.3 Agency request/s for any release requiring issuance of SAROs/additional Notices of Cash Allocation (NCAs), for submission to DBM on or before **November 15, 2016**.

4.12.4 Budget and Financial Accountability Reports (BFARs), for submission pursuant to **COA-DBM Joint Circular No. 2014 - 1<sup>2</sup>**.

#### 4.13 Other considerations in the release and disbursement of funds under this NBC

4.13.1 The provisions of Executive Order (EO) No. 183 shall be observed where the creation of the Negros Island Region (NIR) is concerned.

4.13.2 The prohibition on Batas Pambansa Blg. 881 or the Omnibus Election Code shall also be observed.

### 5.0 SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

5.1 The Obligational Authorities in Schedules I (GAA Items For Comprehensive Release through GAARD) and II (Expenditure Items For Later Release (Negative List) through SARO/GARO) are enumerated in the following attached annexes, which form an integral part of this National Budget Circular (NBC):

5.1.1 **Annex A** (Summary of Appropriations by Agency under FCR)

5.1.2 **Annex A-1** (Summary of Funds for Direct Release to Implementing Agencies under FCR) which were previously covered by memo entries.

5.1.3 **Annex B** (Summary of Appropriations by Agency by Program, Activity and Project under FLR)

5.1.4 **Annex B-1** (Summary of Funds for Direct Release to Implementing Agencies under FLR)

5.1.5 **Annex C** (Summary of Automatic Appropriations by Agency Full Year Allocation for Automatic Release through GARO or SARO at the Beginning of the Year)

5.1.6 **Annex D** (Summary of Automatic Appropriations by Agency under FLR through SARO upon submission of a Special Budget Request)

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<sup>2</sup> COA-DBM JC No. 2014-1 dated July 2, 2014 (*Guidelines Prescribing the Use of Modified Formats of the Budget and Financial Accountability Reports*)

- 5.2 The appropriations under the following shall be available for release of SARO and obligation for the purpose specified:
- 5.2.1 FY 2015 Continuing Appropriations for MOOE and CO under R.A. 10651 until **December 31, 2016**; and
- 5.2.2 All FY 2016 programmed amounts under Automatic Appropriations for PS, MOOE, and CO until **December 31, 2016**.
- 5.3 The following procedures shall be observed in the issuance of NCAs:
- 5.3.1 An initial comprehensive NCA shall be issued directly to the OUs covering the first semester requirements (January to June, 2016) chargeable against the current budget year. This shall be consistent with the DBM-evaluated agency Monthly Disbursement Program (MDP), which shall include current year requirements and prior years' accounts payables.
- 5.3.2 Succeeding comprehensive NCAs shall be issued to cover the second semester requirements (July to December, 2016) consistent with the DBCC-approved MDP. This subsequent comprehensive NCA shall be subject to the submission of BFARs as of end of May 31, 2016.
- 5.3.3 Additional NCAs may be issued for deficiencies arising from current year appropriations; allotments chargeable against continuing appropriations under RA No. 10651; unpaid prior years' accounts payables; and prior years' obligations which become accounts payables in the current budget year.
- 5.3.4 To optimize the use of the available NCAs under the regular MDS account, the Common Fund System shall be continually adhered to. NCAs released to agencies under the Regular MDS sub-account shall be used to cover payment of **current year and prior years' A/Ps** of **all** creditors (external and internal) consistent with the MDP.

Similarly, all agencies are reminded to use the Advice to Debit Account (ADA) to settle government payables.

5.4 Validity of NCAs issued

- 5.4.1 NCA issued and credited to the Regular MDS Sub-Accounts of agencies/OUs for their regular operations, shall be valid **until the last working day of the 3rd month of that quarter** pursuant to DBM Circular Letter (CL) No. 2013-12<sup>3</sup>.
- 5.4.2 NCA issued and credited to the Special MDS Accounts of agencies specifically for payment of RG/TL benefits shall be valid **until the last working day of the following month** when the NCA was issued, except when issued in December, pursuant to DBM Budget Circular No. 2013-1<sup>4</sup>.

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<sup>3</sup> CL 2013-12 dated November 21, 2013 (*Validity of Notice of Cash Allocation for Regular MDS Sub-accounts Effective January 1, 2014*)

<sup>4</sup> BC No. 2013-1 dated April 12, 2013 (*Guidelines Prescribing the Documentary Requirements and Procedures in Processing/Payment of Retirement Benefits of Government Employees*)

5.4.3 NCA issued for trust receipts and credited to the Trust MDS Account of agencies shall be valid **until the last working day of the year.**

5.4.4 NCA issued to the BTr for working funds of agencies shall be valid **until the last working day of the year.**

5.5 Other Disbursement Authorities

5.5.1 The **Non-Cash Availment Authority (NCAA)** is the authority issued by DBM to NGAs or GOCCs (through BTr) to record the payment made by the lending institution direct to the suppliers, consultants, and contractors of a project. The issuance of NCAs is subject to compliance with the following:

5.5.1.1 Agencies are enjoined to submit to DBM, request/s for issuance of NCAA to cover the liquidation of their actual obligations incurred against available allotments, pursuant to DBM-COA-DOF Joint Circular 2-97<sup>5</sup> and CL No. 2003-12<sup>6</sup>.

5.5.1.2 Foreign loan proceeds availed through the direct payment scheme (i.e., creditors/suppliers directly paid by the lending institution upon request of the Implementing Agency) for the issuance of NCAA to be submitted to DBM, shall be supported by the following documentary requirements:

- a. Photocopy of the application for withdrawal or equivalent document covering the amount requested;
- b. List of allotments and corresponding obligations incurred for the specific foreign loan assisted project against where the disbursements shall be applied; and
- c. Details of disbursements expressed both in peso and equivalent foreign currency as indicated in the application.

5.5.2 A **Cash Disbursement Ceiling (CDC)** is an authority issued by DBM to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Department of Labor and Employment to utilize their income collected/retained by the Foreign Service Posts (FSPs) to cover their operating requirements. The issuance of CDC is subject to compliance with the following:

5.5.2.1 Accountability reports as consolidated by the DFA or DOLE Home Office i.e., FSP Monthly Report of Income; and

5.5.2.2 BTr certification on actual income collected.

The aggregate CDC issued should not exceed the total allotment released for all FSPs.

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<sup>5</sup> DBM-COA-DOF JC 2-97 dated March 21, 1997 (*Revised and Updated Budgeting and Accounting Guidelines and Procedures Applicable to FAPs Implemented by NGAs and GOCCs*)

<sup>6</sup> DBM CL 2003-12 dated December 4, 2003 (*Guidelines on the Availment of Foreign Loan Proceeds in-Kind Superseding Circular Letter No. 2003-9*)

6.0 **SEPARABILITY CLAUSE**


If any part or provision of this NBC is held invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

7.0 **REPEALING CLAUSE**

All provisions of existing circulars and other issuances inconsistent with this NBC are hereby rescinded/repealed and/or modified accordingly.

8.0 **EFFECTIVITY**

This National Budget Circular shall take effect January 4, 2016.

  
FLORENCIO B. ABAD  
Secretary