



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE REGIONAL INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE FOR EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASE (RIATF-EID) XII - REGION XII TASK FORCE ON COVID-19 JOINT VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2021; 9:25 AM

PRESENT:

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| <i>Represented by: ARD Flora Gabunales</i> | |
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| RD BASIR M. IBRAHIM | DPWH XII |
| <i>Represented by: ARD Rosie Javate</i> | |
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| <i>Represented by: Eden Stephanie Bolido</i> | |
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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-19B

September 22, 2021

RESOLUTION EARNESTLY REQUESTING THE NATIONAL TASK FORCE (NTF) AGAINST COVID-19 THROUGH ITS TASK FORCE ON OXYGEN SUPPLY TO FACILITATE DIALOGUES WITH MANUFACTURERS AND SUPPLIERS OF MEDICAL-GRADE OXYGEN (MGO) TO CONSENT TO THE NON-EXCLUSIVE REFILLING OF OXYGEN TANKS WHILE COVID-19 CASES SURGE WITHIN REGION 12

WHEREAS, IATF-MEID has released Resolution No. 138 dated September 9, 2021, approving the recommendations of the IATF Technical Working Group on the creation of a Task Force on Oxygen Supply composed of the Department of Trade and Industry as lead, the Department of Health as co-lead, the Department of the Interior and Local Government, the Department of Energy, Philippine Ports Authority, Bureau of Customs, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, the local government units concerned, and such other agencies as the lead agency may identify, to design and implement relevant policies concerning the oxygen supply in the country;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 623 otherwise known as "**An Act to Regulate the Use of Duly Stamped or Marked Bottles, Boxes, Casks, Kegs, Barrels and Other Similar Containers**" that "*the use by any person other than the registered manufacturer, bottler, or seller, **without written permission of the latter**, of any such bottle, cask, barrel, keg, box or other similar container, or the possession thereof by any junk dealer or dealer in casks, barrels, kegs, boxes, or other similar containers, the same being duly marked or stamped and registered as herein provided, shall be prima facie evidence that such use, or possession is unlawful.*"

WHEREAS, it can be inferred from the aforementioned provision of Republic Act No. 623 that the use of duly stamped or marked bottles, boxes, casks, kegs, barrels, and other similar containers by any person other than the registered manufacturer, bottler, or seller, **without written permission of the latter**;

WHEREAS, based on DOH XII's medical-grade oxygen supply status presented during the RIATF-MEID XII- RTF COVID-19 XII Meeting on September 22, 2021, issues and concerns such as (1) shortage of medical-grade oxygen supply due to shortage of empty tanks, (2) delay in return or retrieval of cylinders, and (3) refilling of cylinders with other brands are not allowed, were raised needing proactive stance to prevent the shortage of medical-grade oxygen supply within the Region;

WHEREAS, DOH XII reported that as of September 14, 2021, DOH-Region 12 Retained Hospitals have a gap of 291 oxygen tanks;

WHEREAS, despite being vital for the effective treatment of hospitalized COVID-19 patients, access to medical-grade oxygen supply is limited due to logistical and compliance barriers between manufacturers, suppliers, and retailers;

WHEREAS, the Body recognized that with the surge of COVID-19 cases in the Region, there is a high demand of oxygen tanks for patients with severe symptoms, they feared that the limited supply of Medical-Grade Oxygen (MGO) will worsen if manufacturers will exclusively refill their sealed tanks;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of ARD Flora P. Gabunales, CESO V of DTI XII, and seconded by RD Macario D. Gonzaga of LTO XII and RD Aristedes Conception Tan, MD of DOH XII; **BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to earnestly request the National Task Force (NTF) Against COVID-19 through its Task Force on Oxygen Supply for Policy Guidance on the refilling of medical-grade oxygen (MGO) cylinders by manufacturers in the event that COVID-19 cases surge in the entire country;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the IATF-EID, NTF COVID-19 for their immediate consideration, and members of RIATF-EID XII and RTF-COVID-19 XII for their support. The same copy shall be furnished to all concerned government agencies for their information and appropriate action.


WE HEREBY CERTIFY as to the appropriateness of the foregoing Resolution.

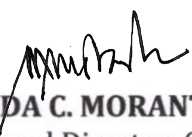
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