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**PAMBANSANG SANGGUNIAN SA NUTRISYON**  
**(NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL)**  
Cordillera Administrative Region  
No. 358 Lyman Ogilby Centrum, Magsaysay, Baguio City



**Regional Nutrition Committee- Cordillera Administrative Region**  
**Resolution No. 01, s. 2021**

**REITERATING RNC RESOLUTION NO. 7, S. OF 2017 ENJOINING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND REGIONAL LINE AGENCIES TO ENSURE VERIFICATION AND CALIBRATION OF WEIGHING SCALES FOR HEALTH AND NUTRITION SERVICES WITH SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Regional Nutrition Committee conducted a policy review of the RNC Resolution No. 2, s. 2017 "ENJOINING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND REGIONAL LINE AGENCIES TO ENSURE VERIFICATION AND CALIBRATION OF WEIGHING SCALES FOR HEALTH AND NUTRITION SERVICES AND MONITORING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE METROLOGY ACT OF 2003 AND CONSUMER ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES" from October to December 2020;

**WHEREAS**, the review showed that DOST-CAR conducted trainings on calibration for LGUs in 2017 and 2018, and conducted with DOH-CAR actual calibration of 336 weighing scales for health and nutrition services of LGUs and hospitals in 2019 and some LGUs reporting verification and calibration activities including a few LGUs procuring test weights for verification/calibration;

**WHEREAS**, the review also showed that as of August 2020, 24.64 percent of beam balance weighing scales of LGUs in CAR are calibrated and 26.91 percent of hanging type weighing scales, the scale commonly used for Operation Timbang of LGUs, are calibrated with three provinces having less than 10% of their hanging type scales calibrated;

**WHEREAS**, the RNC recognizes the need for quality data for policy formulation, planning and implementation of nutrition programs at various levels and the importance of calibration of weighing scales as a basic requirement for accurate weight data collection;

**NOW THEREFORE ON MOTION DULY SECONDED, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the RNC reiterates the call to enjoin all provinces, cities, municipalities, barangays and concerned regional line agencies to ensure the verification and calibration of weighing scales for health and nutrition services with the following specific recommendations:

**a) Test weights for verification and calibration**

That provinces through their Provincial Health Offices procure test weights that could be used in the calibration/verification of weighing scales of



municipalities that do not have their own test weights. The following test weights are recommended:

- 1 piece 20 kilograms
- 1 piece 10 kilograms
- 1 piece 5 kilograms
- 2 pieces 2 kilograms
- 2 pieces 1 kilograms
- 2 pieces 500 grams

The test weights should be brought to DOST-CAR for calibration annually.

Test weights weighing at least 50% of the capacity of the weighing scale should be used in verifying/calibrating weighing scales.

Municipalities/cities that can afford to procure test weights for their use are encouraged to procure.

**b) Dedicated Staff on Verification/Calibration**

That provinces designate a dedicated PHO staff for verification/calibration to be trained by DOST-CAR, training cost to be borne by DOST-CAR *while the calibration fees of test weights will be handled by respective PHOs.*

**c) Frequency of verification/calibration**

That LGUs and RLAs have their weighing scales calibrated/verified every six months based on the following metrology standards:

Republic Act 7394, also known as Consumer Act of the Philippines, states under Article 62 of its Chapter II that all instruments for determining weights and measures in all consumer and consumer related transactions shall be tested, calibrated and sealed every six (6) months by the official sealer who shall be the provincial or city or municipal treasurer or his authorized representative upon payment of fees required under existing law.

**d) Weighing scale for school children**

That DepEd include verification of weighing scales as part of the School's Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) and School Improvement Plan (SIP).

**e) Procurement of weighing scales**

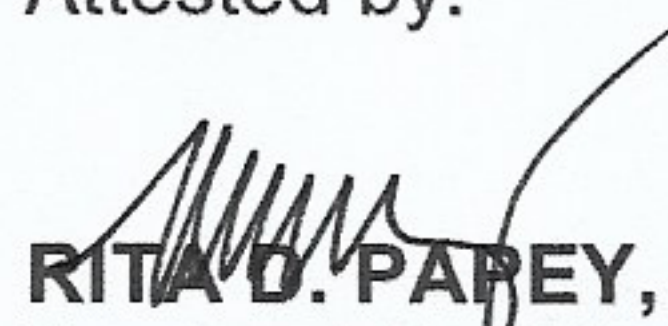
That all regional line agencies and local government units when procuring and providing weighing scales must ensure that the weighing scales procured/provided are properly calibrated prior to distribution to offices/beneficiaries.

**RESOLVED FINALLY**, that copies of this resolution be disseminated to the local government units and concerned RLAs for their information and implementation.




**APPROVED**, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2021 during the virtual Joint Regional Nutrition Committee and Regional Nutrition Technical Assistant on Nutrition Meeting.

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