



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL - REGIONAL PEACE AND ORDER COUNCIL**  
Cordillera Administrative Region

*Excerpts from the minutes of meeting of the RDC-RPOC CAR held on February 23, 2018 in Baguio City*

**RDC-RPOC Joint Resolution No. 10**  
**Series of 2018**

**ENJOINING CONCERNED REGIONAL LINE AGENCIES (RLAs) AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) TO ENSURE VERIFICATION AND CALIBRATION OF WEIGHING SCALES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE METROLOGY ACT OF 2003 AND CONSUMER ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**WHEREAS**, RA 9236 or the National Metrology Act of 2003, established the National Measurement Infrastructure System (NMIS) chaired by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) to provide measurement standards that are internationally traceable and consistent with the meter convention to ensure standardization and modernization of units and standards of measurements to adapt to the needs of time, thereby complying with international standards and protecting the health, interest and safety of every consumer and his environment from the harmful effects of inaccurate or false measurements;

**WHEREAS**, the DOST as chair of the NMIS ensures the implementation of RA 9236 and conducts calibration through its established metrology laboratories;

**WHEREAS**, RA 7394 or the Consumers Act of the Philippines, Title III Chapter 2 on the Regulations on Weights and Measures provides that the provincial/city/ municipal treasurers or their authorized representatives are responsible in the testing, calibrating and sealing of weights and measures to promote and encourage fair, honest, and equitable relations among parties in consumer transactions and protect the consumer against deceptive, unfair, and unconscionable sales acts or practices;

**WHEREAS**, weighing scales are basic equipment used in the provision of health care and in the monitoring of nutritional status and growth of target groups in health service facilities, day care centers and schools, thus incorrect weight data due to poor quality, defective and uncalibrated weighing scales can cause harmful errors in the provision of health care or provide erroneous data for planning and program policy formulation;

**WHEREAS**, the Regional Nutrition Committee raised the issue on the presence of defective and uncalibrated weighing scales used in the nutritional assessment/*Operation Timbang* and growth monitoring by health and nutrition workers was raised in meetings with LGUs, LGU monitoring visits conducted by the National Nutrition Council-CAR (NNC-CAR) and during the 2016 regional nutrition program implementation review;

**WHEREAS**, according to the RNC-CAR Resolution number 2, while all LGUs and concerned RLAs such as the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the Department of Education (DepEd), and the Department of Health (DOH) were using weighing scales in the provision of services, these have not been verified and calibrated in accordance with the provisions of the Metrology Act of 2003;

**WHEREAS**, the DOST is mandated to verify and calibrate the weighing scales annually;

**WHEREAS**, the need to verify and calibrate all weighing scales was discussed and finally endorsed by the Regional Social Development Committee (RSDC) last September 22, 2017;

**NOW THEREFORE, RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Regional Development Council-CAR and the Regional Peace and Order Council-CAR, enjoin the concerned regional line agencies and local government units to ensure verification and calibration of weighing scales in accordance with the Metrology Act of 2003 and Consumer Act of the Philippines;

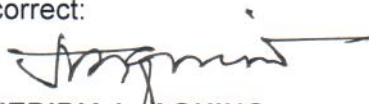
**RESOLVED FINALLY**, that this resolution be disseminated to all LGUs and members of the RNC for their information and implementation.

**APPROVED** this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2018 in Baguio City, Philippines.



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