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## **IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR OSH LAW, ON THE WAY**

In the interest of public service and in view of the passage of Republic Act No. 11058 entitled “An Act Strengthening Compliance with Safety and Health Standards and Providing Penalties for Violations Thereof” which was signed into law by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte on 17 August 2018, Administrative Order No. 474-A, Series of 2018 (AO 474A-18) has been issued to constitute a Technical Working Group (TWG) to draft the implementing rules and regulations for the said law.

Pursuant to Section 32 of RA 11058, the TWG has ninety (90) days, from the effectivity of the law, to formulate its corresponding rules and regulations. RA 11058 was published in the Manila Bulletin on 22 August 2018 and took effect on 06 September 2018. Approximately, the implementing rules and regulations will be due on or before 05 December 2018, which is of the same week for the anniversary of the Department of Labor and Employment.

The structure of the TWG is composed of the Bureau of Working Conditions as Chair and Secretariat and the Occupational Safety and Health Center as Co-Chair. Members of the TWG are the following: Department Legislative Liaison Office, Employees’ Compensation Commission, Legal Service, Information and Publication Service, and Bureau of Labor Relations.

Since the issuance of AO 474A-18, series of meeting has already been held as early as 04 September 2018. Moreover, in recognition of the fact that occupational safety and health is a cross-cutting issue among all government offices, it was noted by OIC-Undersecretary Benjo Santos M. Benavidez that the active participation of agencies tasked by the law to monitor therewith its effective implementation is vital towards ensuring a sound, comprehensive and integrated policy.

To date, the TWG has conducted total of six (6) meetings/consultations and will resume its next deliberation on 08 November 2018. Other government offices who have religiously attended the meetings/consultation for the drafting of the implementing rules and regulation for RA 11058 are the following: Department of Energy, Department of Information and Communications Technology, Department of Transportation, Philippine Economic Zone Authority, Professional Regulations Commission and Technical Education and Skills Development Authority.

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