

**Press Release**  
**Department of Labor and Employment**  
**Bureau of Working Conditions**  
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### **IC3 HOLDS ITS FIRST MEETING**

DOLE DO 198 s. 2018 otherwise known as Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 11058 Entitled “An Act Strengthening Compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Standards and Providing Penalties for Violations Thereof” has become effective on the 24th of January, this year.

While the law identified the DOLE as primarily responsible for the administration and enforcement of OSH laws, regulations and standards in all establishments and workplaces in the private sector, the Act also calls for the establishment of Inter-government Coordination and Cooperation Committee or the IC3.

The meeting was held at the DOLE’s LGLC last 21 January, 2019. The government agencies that are included in the law are the following: Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Department of Energy, Department of Transportation, Department of Agriculture, Department of Public Works and Highways, Department of Trade and Industry, Department of the Interior and Local Government, Department of Health, Philippine Economic Zone Authority, Department of Information and Communications Technology and all other government agencies, including local government units.

In the said meeting, the salient features of DO 198 were presented by Director Ma. Teresita S. Cucueco of DOLE-BWC to the committee. The coordinating mechanisms in view of Section 31 of RA 11058 and its IRR relating to each agency mandate on OSH was also tackled during the discussion. The committee also agreed to develop an annual work plan in the next meeting scheduled on the 26th of February.

The law directs the committee to regularly convene at least once per quarter, to monitor the effective implementation of this Rules as well as related programs and projects intended to prevent and eliminate the incidence of injury, sickness or death in all workplaces including periodic review of this Rules and all OSH standards.

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