

Good News
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IRR OF RA 11058, PUBLISHED IN THE PHILIPPINE STAR

On December 6, 2018, it may be recalled that during the celebration of the DOLE's Anniversary, Secretary Silvestre H. Bello III signed Department Order No. 198, Series of 2018(DO 198-18) otherwise known as the *Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 11058 Entitled "An Act Strengthening Compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Standards and Providing Penalties for Violations Thereof"*.

Section 34 of the IRR provided that the said Department Order will only take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation. Pursuant to an Administrative Order instructing the Occupational Safety and Health Center to facilitate and expedite the publication of the IRR, this has been officially published in The Philippine Star (TPS) on January 9, 2019 under the ClassFinder section.

Counting fifteen (15) days from its publication in TPS, the implementing rules and regulations of Republic Act No. 11058 took effect on January 25, 2019. Hence, the IRR being now an effective law, employers, contractors and subcontractors are expected to abreast themselves with the requirements of the new issuance and be made aware of the enumerated prohibited acts and its corresponding fines.

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