

Good News
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Feel safe with Safety Seal

In a bid to ensure compliance with minimum public health standards and boost consumer confidence as the economy safely reopens, employers of private establishments, administrators of select public places, heads of government offices, and owners/operators of public transportation units are strongly encouraged to conduct self-assessment of their eligibility for Safety Seal Certification and have their premises inspected by the Issuing Authority having jurisdiction over them.

The Philippine government's *Safety Seal Certification Program* is "a certification scheme affirming that an establishment or public transportation unit has been inspected by the government and was found compliant with minimum public health standards, is using or its contact tracing is integrated with StaySafe.ph and the establishment or public transportation unit possesses the requisite business permits or franchise."

If found compliant, the applicant shall be issued a Safety Seal with a validity period of six (6) months from the date of its issuance, except for those issued to tourism enterprises, which shall be valid for one (1) year. Not earlier than one (1) month before its expiration, the Safety Seal may be renewed for another six (6) months or one (1) year, as applicable, subject to the same certification process.

In a televised interview at the PCOO Laging Handa Public Briefing, Assistant Secretary Ma. Teresita Cucueco explained that the reason for the limited validity period of the Safety Seal is to ensure continuous compliance of those granted with a Safety Seal and to safeguard consumer confidence. She does not rule out the possibility that those who have been granted a Safety Seal may become relaxed after obtaining it. "Ang Safety Seal kasi talagang nandoon ang consumer confidence kaya dapat parati nandoon iyong effort na nagko-comply," said ASec. Cucueco.

As a security measure, any individual may verify the authenticity of a Safety Seal, including its date of issuance and expiration, by referring to the *Safety Seal Certification Microsite* of its Issuing Authority.

Under the Implementing Guidelines of the Safety Seal Certification Program, the Issuing Authorities of the Seal are the Department of Tourism, Department of Labor and Employment, Department of Trade and Industry, Local Government Units, Department of the Interior and Local Government, and the Philippine National Police.

To date, the Department of Labor and Employment has already issued thirty-four Safety Seals to its covered establishments which include manufacturing companies, construction sites, utility companies, information and communication companies, and warehouses.

Read more about the Safety Seal Certification Program at <https://bit.ly/361ly7W>.

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