



ADVISORY

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TO : ALL ACCREDITED COAL TRADERS AND OTHER CONCERNED
STAKEHOLDERS

SUBJECT : CLARIFICATION ON SECTIONS 3.2 AND 4.1 OF DEPARTMENT
CIRCULAR NO. DC2025-11-0027 – GUIDELINES ON COAL
TRADING AND UTILIZATION

This Advisory is issued to clarify the application of Sections 3.2 and 4.1 of Department Circular No. DC2025-11-0027, otherwise known as the “*Guidelines on Coal Trading and Utilization*” (Circular).

Section 3.2(A)(iii) of the Circular requires an applicant for the issuance or renewal of a Coal Trader Accreditation to submit a certified true copy of duly notarized coal supply agreement with either an Operator of a Coal Operating Contract (COC) under the Development and Production Phase; and/or with a holder of a Small-Scale Coal Mining Permit (SSCMP); and/or with a foreign coal supplier.

Section 4.1(A) authorizes duly accredited Coal Traders to buy, sell, market, distribute, retail, handle, stockpile, and store coal. Accordingly, any accredited Coal Trader may enter into a coal sales or supply agreement with, or transact with, another duly accredited Coal Trader.

In view of the prevailing global energy situation arising from geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, to facilitate accreditation of coal traders and the conduct of coal trading activities which will address the increasing demand for coal among domestic industries, the DOE hereby clarifies that an applicant for the issuance or renewal of a Certificate of Accreditation as Coal Trader may submit a certified true copy of the duly notarized/authenticated/Apostilled coal sales or supply agreement executed with any of the following entities:

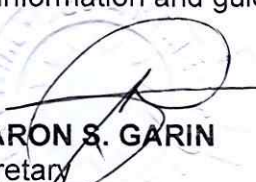
- a. Operator of a COC under Development and Production Phase, with approved Work Program and Budget and with production of not less than 100,000 metric tons per year;
- b. Holder of a Small-scale Coal Mining Permit;
- c. Foreign coal supplier/s; or
- d. Accredited Coal Trader.

Finally, such coal sales or supply agreement must be for a period of at least one (1) year and should indicate the volume of coal to be supplied.

This Advisory shall take effect immediately upon issuance and shall remain in effect unless and until expressly revoked, amended, or superseded by a subsequent issuance of the DOE.

All concerned stakeholders are enjoined to strictly comply with the applicable provisions of the Circular and other relevant DOE issuances.

For information and guidance.


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