



# Legal Watch

## REVENUE MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 31-2026



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### \* Agency Name

Bureau of Internal Revenue  
(BIR)

### \* Issuance Title

Circularizing Executive Order No. 114, Series of 2026, Entitled "Temporarily Suspending the Excise Taxes on Specific Petroleum Products Pursuant to Section 148 of Republic Act No. 8424, or the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, As Amended"

### \* Issuance Date

17 April 2026

### \* Link

<https://bir-cdn.bir.gov.ph/BIR/pdf/RMC%20No.%2031-2026.pdf>

### SUMMARY

The RMC implements Executive Order No. 114, series of 2026 which temporarily suspends the excise taxes on specific petroleum products.

Effective April 17, 2026, the imposition of excise taxes is fully suspended for the following products:

1. Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), except when used as a raw material for the production of petrochemical products or used for motive power.
2. Kerosene, except when used as aviation fuel.

The suspension is valid for a period of three (3) months beginning 17 April 2026, and is subject to a monthly review by the Development Budget Coordination Committee (DBCC). Further, the excise tax rates will automatically revert to the original rates prescribed under Section 148 of the National Internal Revenue Code (NIRC) upon the occurrence of any of the following:

- a. Price Drop: One (1) week after the 1-month average Dubai crude oil price (based on MOPS) falls below USD 80 per barrel, as certified by the Department of Energy (DOE)
- b. Upon the conclusion of the 3-month temporary suspension period.

