



Legal Watch

DTI FLAGS UNSAFE APPLIANCES, URGES PUBLIC TO CHECK PS, ICC MARKS TO PREVENT FIRES



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SUMMARY

The DTI, through its Bureau of Philippine Standards, reiterated the importance of product safety compliance amid rising fire incidents linked to electrical issues. Data from the Bureau of Fire Protection shows that over 7,000 fire cases in 2025 were caused by electrical faults, making it the leading cause of fires nationwide.

To mitigate risks, the DTI requires certain appliances and electrical products to carry either the Philippine Standard (PS) mark for locally manufactured goods or the Import Commodity Clearance (ICC) sticker for imports. These certifications confirm compliance with Philippine safety standards under existing regulations. As of March 2026, over 1,600 manufacturers hold PS licenses, while regulated products include household appliances, wiring devices, and consumer electronics.

The agency continues to enforce compliance through mandatory certification and encourages safe usage practices, especially during periods of high electricity demand.

ACTIONABLE ADVICE

Manufacturers, importers, and retailers must ensure all regulated products secure the required PS or ICC certifications prior to distribution to avoid penalties and product recalls. Companies should implement strict quality assurance and supplier verification processes to ensure compliance with Philippine standards.

Businesses, including property managers and employers, should also conduct regular electrical safety checks and procure only certified products to mitigate liability risks. Financial institutions may incorporate compliance checks into lending or procurement requirements for clients dealing in regulated goods.

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