



Legal Watch

PCC MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 26-002



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- * Agency Name**
Philippine Competition Commission (PCC)
- * Issuance Title**
Amending and Adjusting the Schedule of Fines that may be Imposed for Violations of the Philippine Competition Act (PCA), the 2017 Rules of Procedure of the Philippine Competition Commission, and the Rules of Merger Procedure Pursuant to Commission Resolution No. 08-2026
- * Issuance Date**
20 May 2026
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SUMMARY

The Philippine Competition Commission (“Commission”) issued PCC Memorandum Circular No. 26-002 to amend and adjust the Schedule of Fines that may be imposed for violations of the Philippine Competition Act (PCA), the 2017 Rules of Procedure of the Philippine Competition Commission, and the Rules of Merger Procedure, pursuant to Commission Resolution No. 08-2026.

The table below summarizes the relevant violations and compares the previous fines with the revised penalties now imposed by the Commission:

VIOLATION	2020 Fines (PCC Memorandum Circular No. 21-001)	2026 Fines (PCC Memorandum Circular No. 26-002)
- Violations of Sec. 14 (Anti-Competitive Agreements) or 15 (Abuse of Dominant Position) of the Philippine Competition Act - Prohibited mergers under Section 16.3 of the 2017 Rules on Merger Procedure	First Offense: Up to ₱110,000,000 Second and Succeeding Offenses: ₱110,000,000 to ₱275,000,000	First Offense: Up to ₱125,000,000 Second and Succeeding Offenses: ₱125,000,000 to ₱310,000,000



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VIOLATION	2020 Fines (PCC Memorandum Circular No. 21-001)	2026 Fines (PCC Memorandum Circular No. 26-002)
- Rule VI, Article I, Section 6.9 (Failure to notify the Commission of sale, donation, disposition, or any other transfer during adjudication) - RULE VI, Article I, Section 6.10 (Failure or refusal to comply with a ruling, order, or decision of the Commission) - Rule VI, Article I, Section 6.12 (Reprisal or discrimination) - Rule VI, Article I, Section 6.13 (4. Disclosure, publication, transfer, copying, or dissemination of Confidential Information) - Rule VI, Article I, Section 6.15 (Obstruction) - Rule VI, Article I, Section 6.16 (Other violations)	₱55,000 to ₱2,200,000	₱60,000 to ₱2,500,000



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VIOLATION	2020 Fines (PCC Memorandum Circular No. 21-001)	2026 Fines (PCC Memorandum Circular No. 26-002)
Supply of incorrect or misleading information under Section 5.8 of the 2017 Rules on Merger Procedure	Up to ₱1,100,000	Up to ₱1,250,000
Failure to notify within the period for notification under Section 16.2 of the 2017 Rules on Merger Procedure	Up to ₱2,200,000	Up to ₱2,500,000

ACTIONABLE ADVICE

Businesses should regularly review their compliance with the Philippine Competition Act and the Commission’s regulations. Companies should ensure that their commercial practices, transactions, and dealings comply with applicable competition law requirements and seek legal advice where necessary to mitigate competition law risks and avoid regulatory penalties.