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Hon. Sec. Teodoro J. Herbosa, MD  
Department of Health  
San Lazaro Compound, Tayuman, Sta. Cruz  
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RE : ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2024-0016 – IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES ON THE NEW SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES OF THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

Dear Sec. Teodoro J. Herbosa,

Greetings!

May we respectfully request that the new schedule of fees and charges of the Food and Drug Administration be held in abeyance and public consultation with stakeholders be held to discuss about said fees?

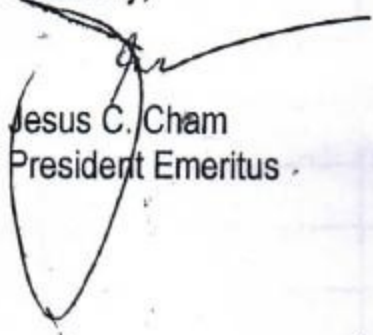
Some of the said fee hikes are incredible – an example would be the Certificate of Product Registration Fee for the Center for Food Regulation & Research. For 5 years, previously, the total fee would be Php1,010 versus the current fee Php17,675 (Php3500 per year + 1% Legal Research Fee).

While we do recognize the need to increase fees to provide efficient service in these modern times, we also would like to request that we try to find the balance between recovering the cost of services rendered and the ease of doing business, to ensure that the rates are just and reasonable and to minimize, if not avoid, unintended impacts on consumers.

We hope for your kind consideration.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Jesus C. Cham  
President Emeritus

