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T O: All Commercial Concessionaires, Ambulant Vendors Doing Business in VSU

R E: Prohibiting the Use of Lightweight Plastic Bags Designed for Single-use

In an effort to prevent further degradation of our environment, the Visayas State University (VSU) is instituting steps towards ecological and environment-friendly practices. Effective January 1, 2013, VSU hereby prohibits commercial concessionaires, ambulant vendors and other retailers from **using, selling or giving away lightweight plastic bags designed for single use**-plastic bags with (sando bags) or without handles that are made of polyethylene polymer less than **35 microns thick**.

No business establishment or vendor operating inside VSU campus shall utilize such plastic bags as primary packaging materials for dry goods.

The following bags are **NOT** banned:

- **Cloth bag** [a.k.a. "katsa"] – refers to reusable packaging material made of cloth [biodegradable] used in the packaging of flour, wheat and other similar goods
- **Reusable "Net bags"** – refers to reusable heavy polypropylene knitted plastic bags
- **Paper or cartoon boxes**
- **Woven bags** [a.k.a. "bayong"] - refers to biodegradable packaging material made of woven abaca, pandan, buri leaves, water lily and other similar materials

Lightweight plastic bags for single-use maybe used as packaging materials for powdery and granulated dry products, for liquid products and for wet fresh produce (fish and meat).

Students, faculty members, staff and the general public are advised to bring reusable bags whenever they purchase any goods from the market, eateries and ambulant vendors.

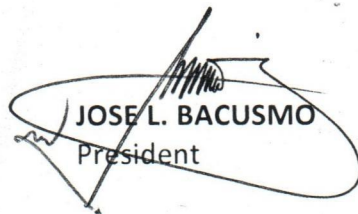
FINES AND PENALTY

Any establishment and vendor who shall violate the prohibited act stated above shall be punishable through the imposition of the following:

- First Offense - PhP1,000.00
- Second Offense - Revocation of contract/permit to operate within VSU Campus

The Security Office, IGP Office and the Solid Waste Management Committee are tasked to strictly implement this order.

For strict implementation and compliance.



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President

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