

CTITC Formalizes the Workers' Rights Review Committee



The Clothing and Textile Industry Tripartite Council (CTITC) signed the Internal Rules of the Workers' Rights Review Committee on the Implementation of Joint Department Order No. 1, Series of 2017 during its second quarterly meeting held on 07 August 2018 at the Occupational Safety and Health Center in Quezon City.

DOLE Undersecretary Joel B. Maglunsod and Board of Investments Executive Director Raul V. Angeles signed the document for the government sector. The labor sector was represented by Ms. Florencia Cabatingan, Ms. Laudicia Casaña, Ms. Asuncion Binos, Ms. Eva B. Arcos, and Mr. Josua Mata. The management sector was represented by Mr. Delfin Bibat, Ms. Ma Teresita Jocson-Agoncillo and Mr. Conrado Buendia III.

The Joint Department Order governs the issuance, revocation, or suspension of certificate of accreditation of establishments availing of preferential tariffs under the Generalized System of Preference (GSP). The accreditation process under the Joint Department Order is mandatory for the said establishments.

Toward this end, a Workers' Rights Review Committee is created (1) to conduct an audit of such establishments in order to determine their compliance with labor standards consistent with the certification process provided in the Internal Rules and

(2) to submit its audit findings and recommendations to the Accrediting Board of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) for the denial or approval of the accreditation.

Composed of representatives from the government, labor, and employer sectors, the Workers' Rights Review Committee manifests the government's commitment to tripartism as a State policy to "safeguard industrial peace in the garments and textile industry".

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