RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE GUIDELINES ON THE PHASING OUT OF NON ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTABLE (NEA) PRODUCTS AND PACKAGING MATERIALS

WHEREAS, the enactment of the Republic Act 9003 otherwise known as Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 ("the Act") provides for the listing of Non-Environmentally Acceptable (NEA) Products and Packaging Materials;

WHEREAS, Section 29 of the Act provides that non-environmentally acceptable (NEA) products and packaging shall not be prohibited unless the Commission first finds that there are alternatives available to the consumers at no more than ten percent (10%) greater cost than the disposable product;

WHEREAS, any decision to prohibit certain packaging types and products must be supported by available scientific, environmental, technical, and economic information and scientific studies including but not limited to life cycle assessment and economic analysis;

WHEREAS, the National Solid Waste Management Commission (NSWMC) created the Technical Working Committee (TWC) for Phasing Out NEA of Products and Packaging Materials by virtue of NSWMC Resolution No.9;

WHEREAS, the NSWMC-TWC is composed of members from relevant National Government Agencies (NGAs) and Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) that formulate the criteria/guidelines for the selection of NEA products and packaging materials;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Guidelines on Phasing Out of NEA Products and Packaging Materials prepared by the Technical Working Committee be adopted by NSWMC.

APPROVED on 29th of JUNE 2009.

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