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**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-0022**

**PRESCRIBING THE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR  
FIREARM SUPPRESSOR (SILENCER)**

**WHEREAS**, Section 14, paragraphs (i) and (m) of Republic Act No. 6975, as amended by Section 5, paragraph (a), sub-paragraphs (5) and (8) of the Republic Act No. 8551, empowers the Commission to “approve or modify plans and programs on education and training, logistical requirements, communications, records, information system, crime laboratory, crime prevention, and crime reporting as well as prescribe minimum standards for arms, equipment and uniforms and, after consultation with the Philippine Heraldry Commission, for insignia of ranks, awards, and medals of honor”;

**WHEREAS**, NAPOLCOM Memorandum Circular No. 2019-002 dated January 29, 2019, defined the duty and authority of the NAPOLCOM to prescribe minimum standards for uniforms, arms, and equipment that are germane and fit to the intended use, purpose, and objective of the items to be acquired or procured by the Philippine National Police (PNP);

**WHEREAS**, the PNP through the Directorate for Research and Development (DRD) endorsed to the Commission the approved Technical Working Group for the Formulation and Amendment of Standards (TWG-FAS) Resolution No. 2021-12-025 dated December 2, 2021, on the proposed minimum standards for Firearm Suppressor (Silencer), with attached documentary requirements, for consideration and approval;

**WHEREAS**, the minimum standards for Firearm Suppressor (Silencer) refer to as sound moderator which is mounted or detachable accessory on the muzzle of a firearm to reduce the acoustic intensity of the muzzle blast (sound of a gunshot) when a firearm is discharged. It modulates the speed and pressure of the propellant gas from the muzzle, hence suppressing the muzzle blast;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 10591, otherwise known as the “Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act,” have no provisions that prohibit or penalize the

use of firearm silencer/suppressor during police operations and interventions except, if the holder of a firearm with silencer mounted therein is unlawfully possessing the same;

**WHEREAS**, upon thorough review and evaluation of the minimum standards and pertinent documents submitted by the PNP, the Commission finds the same to be in order and to conform with the requirements of Republic Act No. 6975, as amended by Republic Act No. 8551, its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), all existing policies and issuances of the Commission to meet the requirements of the PNP;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Commission in the exercise of its statutory power to administer and control the PNP, **HAS RESOLVED TO PRESCRIBE, AS IT HEREBY PRESCRIBES**, the minimum standards for Firearm Suppressor (Silencer), to read as follows:

- a) Description - a cylindrical firearm accessory containing internal sound baffles that reduces the acoustic intensity of the muzzle sound which is a mountable /detachable on the muzzle of firearms.
- b) Capability - can reduce firearm's noise or sound, recoil, and muzzle flash.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the PNP shall formulate the technical specifications of the Firearm Suppressor (Silencer) which will be the basis for its procurement, and shall ensure that the same comply, conform, and are within the aforementioned minimum standards, and pertinent provisions of the Republic Act No. 9184, otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act, and are advantageous to the PNP.

**RESOLVED FURTHERMORE**, that any other existing issuances inconsistent with this resolution are hereby repealed or rescinded.

**APPROVED** this 28th day of January 2022 in Quezon City, Metro Manila, Philippines.

  
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