

**COMMISSION ON AUDIT CIRCULAR NO. 2001-001**  
**July 31, 2001**

- TO** : All Heads of Departments, Bureaus, Agencies and Offices of the National Government; Heads of Governing Boards of Government-Owned and/or Controlled Corporations; Chief Accountants/Corporate Treasurers; Provincial Governors; City and Municipal Mayors; Local Treasurer, Accountants, Budget Officers; COA Directors, Auditors and All Others Concerned.
- SUBJECT:** Amendment of COA Circular No. 96-003, dated February 27, 1996, Prescribing Accounting and Auditing Guidelines on the Release of Fund Assistance to Non-Governmental Organizations/People's Organizations (NGOS/POs), exempting International Organizations/Specialized Agencies (IO/SA), from the requirement of registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), as a pre-requisite to accreditation.

In order to clarify the applicability of COA Circular No. 96-003 dated February 27, 1996 to International Organizations/Specialized Agencies (IO/SAs) and encourage their participation in the implementation of projects that promote the welfare of the nation, paragraph 3.3.1 of said COA Circular No. 96-003 dated February 27, 1996 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 3.1.1 Certificate of registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and/or either the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) or the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) as the case may be, depending on the nature of the service required to be rendered. This is to ensure that the NGO/PO has a legal personality, has officers who are responsible and accountable for its operations and is based in the community where the project shall be implemented. Exempted from this registration requirement are international organizations and specialized agencies who are doing business in this country as a result of bilateral agreements.

Any circular or issuance inconsistent herewith is hereby deemed revoked and/or amended accordingly.

This circular shall take effect immediately.

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Chairman