



Republic of the Philippines  
Supreme Court  
Office of the Court Administrator  
Manila

**OCA CIRCULAR NO. 100-2021**

**TO : ALL JUDGES AND COURT PERSONNEL OF  
THE FIRST AND SECOND LEVEL COURTS**


**SUBJECT : EN BANC RESOLUTION DATED 15 JUNE  
2021 IN A.M. NO. 21-06-07 (UNAUTHORIZED  
ONLINE SELLING OF MERCHANDISE  
BEARING SUPREME COURT SEAL AND/OR  
INSIGNIA)**

For the information, guidance, and strict compliance of all concerned, appended herewith as Annex "A" is the Court *En Banc* Resolution dated 15 June 2021 in A.M. No. 21-06-07 prohibiting the unauthorized online selling of merchandise bearing Supreme Court Seal and/or Insignia.

This Circular takes effect immediately.

Any prior circular from the Office of the Court Administrator on this matter which is contrary to the foregoing is hereby superseded.

16 July 2021

  
**JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ**  
Court Administrator



Annex "A"

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EN BANC

NOTICE

Sirs/Mesdames:

*Please take notice that the Court en banc issued a Resolution dated JUNE 15, 2021, which reads as follows:*

"A.M. No. 21-06-07-SC

RE: UNAUTHORIZED ONLINE SELLING OF MERCHANDISE BEARING SUPREME COURT SEAL AND/OR INSIGNIA

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court Seal is the official insignia of the Court, and the badge of authority of the Court in its exercise of judicial power;

WHEREAS, even in the absence of a constitutional or statutory provision on the matter, the Court has inherent and inalienable right to regulate, prohibit, or restrict its use only to specific individuals or entities it authorizes, as well as to dictate and enforce conditions of such use;

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum dated May 31, 2021, the Office of Administrative Services (OAS), through Atty. Maria Carina M. Cunanan, Deputy Clerk of Court and Chief Administrative Officer, brought to the Court's attention that various vendors have been selling merchandise bearing the official Supreme Court seal, such as I.D. lace lanyards, car stickers, emblems, and license plates, in online platforms without authorization from the Court;

WHEREAS, there is a probability that these merchandises bearing the Court's seal or insignia be wrongly used by individuals or entities who can easily access and buy it from online selling platforms and use such merchandise with the Court's insignia for their own unscrupulous purposes;

*all*

**THEREFORE**, the Court, in order to protect its rights, interest and profile, resolves to:

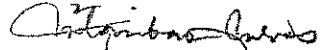
- 1) **PROHIBIT** the production, sale or distribution of any items or merchandise bearing the Supreme Court Seal, or similar items or merchandise indicating any connections with the Judicial branch of the government without permission from the Court;
- 2) **WARN** that all persons or entities who shall produce, sell or distribute any items or merchandise bearing the Supreme Court Seal, or similar items or merchandise indicating any connections with the Judicial branch of the government without permission from the Court shall be criminally prosecuted under Article 179 of the Revised Penal Code;
- 3) **DIRECT** all individuals or entities currently engaged in the production, sale, or distribution of the above-stated items to immediately **CEASE** and **DESIST** from producing, selling, or distributing the above-stated items, or be held accountable for indirect contempt of court; and
- 4) **DIRECT** the Office of Administrative Services to strictly monitor and regulate the unauthorized selling inside and outside the Court premises of the above-stated items especially during Court anniversary and Christmas fairs.

Let a copy of this Resolution be **FURNISHED** the Philippine head offices of online shopping platforms such as Shopee Philippines Inc. (Shopee.com.ph) and Lazada Group Philippines (Lazada.com.ph).

This Administrative Matter shall take effect immediately following its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.”

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By authority of the Court:

  
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