

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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. <u>214-2023</u>

TO : ALL JUDGES, CLERKS OF COURT, AND ACTING CLERKS OF COURT/ OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE OF THE FIRST AND SECOND LEVEL COURTS

SUBJECT: REMINDERS ON THE IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES FOR CASES FALLING UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11862

Pursuant to the aims of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 11862, or the *Expanded* Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2022, which amended R.A. No. 9208, or the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003, all judges of the first and second level courts who are to impose fines, forfeiture and/or confiscation of proceeds and properties as penalties for cases falling under R.A. No. 9208, as amended, are reminded to consider that:

(1) the dispositive portion of the *Decision* shall indicate that the fines imposed, and the proceeds and properties forfeited and confiscated pursuant to Sec. 14 of R.A. No. 9208, as amended, shall accrue to a Trust Fund to be managed and administered by the Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking exclusively for the programs provided under the said Act¹; and

(2) the proceeds and properties forfeited and confiscated, if any, shall now include those collected by the Anti-Money Laundering Council in connection with the subject law.

For guidance and compliance.

13 June 2023

AUI rt Administrator

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¹ Sec. 10, R.A. No. 11862