MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 06-2014

To : ALL THEATER OWNERS, FILM PROducers, DISTRIBUTORS, FILM STUDIOS/LABORATORIES, TELEVISION NETWORKS, BLOCKTIMERS, CABLE TV OPERATORS, FILM EXPORTERS/IMPORTERS AND ALL ENTITIES REQUIRED BY LAW TO REGISTER WITH MTRCB

From : MTRCB CHAIRPERSON

Subject : IMPLEMENTING THE COLLECTION OF LEGAL RESEARCH FUND FEE FROM MTRCB FEES AND CHARGES

Date : 26 May 2014

WHEREAS, the Board of Censors for Motion Pictures (BCMP), the predecessor of the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB), used to collect a Legal Research Fund (LRF) fee on every application and petition filed with it, as mandated by Letter of Instruction No. 1182 in relation to R.A. No. 3870.

WHEREAS, the collection of the LRF fee was inadvertently suspended as a consequence of the re-organization of the BCMP into the MTRCB.

WHEREAS, the collection of the LRF Fee was imposed by Republic Act No. 3870, which created the U.P. Law Center, to provide financial support for the latter. Section 4 of R.A. No. 3870 mandates the imposition of the LRF Fee, as follows:

"Section 4. In order to provide for the support of the UP Law Center and the University of the Philippines Law Complex, the additional amount of one percent (1%) of the filing fee imposed, × × × but in no case lower than ten (10) pesos in the case of all × × × agencies or tribunals exercising quasi-judicial functions and those enumerated in Letter of Instruction No. 1182 × × × shall be collected by their respective clerks or equivalent functionary, for each action or special proceeding filed therewith and for which fees prescribed in × × × any statute or regulation are due and payable. For this purpose, ‘special proceeding’
shall include any petition or application, paper or document seeking official action to establish a status, right, privilege or particular fact or command the performance of a duty. Such additional amounts shall be receipted for as part of a special fund to be known as the ‘Legal Research Fund’, and shall upon collection, be immediately remitted to the University of the Philippines and deposited in a separate account in any authorized government depository bank in the name of the National Treasurer as Ex-Officio Treasurer of the UP.

WHEREAS, as early as 13 April 2013, the Board issued Memorandum Circular No. 06-2013 on the renewed collection of the LRF Fee on the occasion of, but separate and distinct from, the fees and charges imposed by the MTRCB in the discharge of the latter’s functions as mandated by law.

WHEREAS, the implementation of Memorandum Circular No. 06-2013 re-imposing the LRF Fee was deferred upon the request of some sectors of the movie and television industries for time to study the LRF fee.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 4 of R.A. No. 3870 in relation to the relevant powers and functions of MTRCB, and after considering the inputs made and position papers submitted by movie and television industry stakeholders on the LRF fee, it is hereby directed:

1) an LRF fee in an amount equivalent to one percent (1%) of the fee imposed but in no case lower than ten (10) pesos shall be collected on every review fee, processing fee, registration fee, permit fee, checking fee, and/or any such other fee, imposed by the MTRCB in the exercise and discharge of its regulatory functions. However, no LRF fee shall be collected on surcharges as well as on the fees for title verification, permit retrieval and still photos.

2) the LRF fee shall be on top of, and separate from, whatever fee is payable to the MTRCB under its Schedule of Fees and Rules and Regulations, the former being due under the R.A. 3870. The LRF fee shall be clearly written and entered on the Official Receipt as a separate item payable.

3) pursuant to Treasury Circular No. 4-2003 dated 01 August 2003, the MTRCB Cashier shall collect the LRF fee and shall deposit it directly to the Bureau of Treasury for the account of the UP System (UPS Agency Code AO823, Fund Code 187). The MTRCB Cashier shall furnish the UP Law Center with a monthly report on the LRF collections and remittances to the Bureau of Treasury.
4) all MTRCB circulars or rules inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly. This Memorandum Circular shall take effect on **01 June 2014**.

For your proper guidance.

**BY AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD:**

**EUGENIO H. VILLAREAL**

Chairperson
## MTRCB Fees and Charges with Legal Research Fund Fee (LRF) (as of 26 May 2014)

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### A. REVIEW FEES:

1. **Films for Theatrical Exhibition (local / foreign)**
   - Print: ₱9,450.00, LRF: ₱94.50, Total: ₱9,544.50
   - Trailer: ₱950.00, LRF: ₱10.00, Total: ₱959.50
2. **Festival Films (Permit to Exhibit valid only for 15 calendar days)**
   - Print: ₱4,600.00, LRF: ₱46.00, Total: ₱4,646.00
3. **Short Film (not over 45 minutes)**
   - LRF: ₱85.00, Total: ₱860.00
4. **For Television Exhibition (local / foreign)**
   - Thirty minutes (30 min) or less: ₱400.00, LRF: ₱10.00, Total: ₱410.00
   - More than thirty minutes to one (1) hour: ₱800.00, LRF: ₱10.00, Total: ₱810.00
   - Over one hour to one and a half (1 1/2) hour: ₱1,200.00, LRF: ₱12.00, Total: ₱1,212.00
   - Over one hour and a half to two (2) hours: ₱1,600.00, LRF: ₱16.00, Total: ₱1,616.00
   - Every additional half hour: ₱400.00, LRF: ₱10.00, Total: ₱410.00
   - Sample plug (per month): ₱500.00, LRF: ₱10.00, Total: ₱510.00

### B. REVIEW FEES FOR OPTICAL MEDIA MATERIALS:

1. **Up to fifteen (15) minutes**: ₱1,150.00, LRF: ₱11.50, Total: ₱1,161.50
2. **More than fifteen (15) minutes to one (1) hour**: ₱1,400.00, LRF: ₱14.00, Total: ₱1,414.00
3. **More than one (1) hour to three (3) hours**: ₱1,750.00, LRF: ₱17.50, Total: ₱1,767.50
4. **Every hour exceeding the three (3) hours or a fraction thereof**: ₱1,150.00, LRF: ₱11.50, Total: ₱1,161.50

### PROCESSING / APPROVAL FEES:

1. **Import/Export Permit (per title/episode/TV/C)**
   - LRF: ₱575.00, Total: ₱585.00
2. **Title Verification/Permit Retrieval**: LRF: ₱60.00, Total: ₱60.00
3. **Still Photos (per piece)**: LRF: ₱35.00, Total: ₱35.00
4. **Layout for newspaper/poster/billboard/tarpaulin/banner (per title)**
   - LRF: ₱575.00, Total: ₱585.00

### D. FEES FOR SPECIAL REVIEWS:

1. **For special review of movie print**: ₱11,500.00, LRF: ₱115.00, Total: ₱10,115.00
2. **For special review of movie trailer**: ₱1,725.00, LRF: ₱17.25, Total: ₱1,742.25

### E. REGISTRATION FEES:

1. **Theaters:**
   - Class A (air-con): ₱4,000.00, LRF: ₱40.00, Total: ₱4,040.00
   - Class B (not air-con): ₱2,000.00, LRF: ₱20.00, Total: ₱2,020.00
2. **Television Stations:**
   - a. Metro Manila TV Stations: ₱8,050.00, LRF: ₱80.50, Total: ₱8,130.50
   - b. Provincial TV Stations: ₱4,600.00, LRF: ₱46.00, Total: ₱4,646.00
3. **Cable TV Networks**: ₱4,600.00, LRF: ₱46.00, Total: ₱4,646.00
4. **Other regulated entities**: ₱4,025.00, LRF: ₱40.25, Total: ₱4,065.25
F. SURCHARGE: (ON TOP OF REVIEW FEES)

1. Special review of movie print (Review outside of MTRCB office/review during non-working days)
   P11,500.00 - P11,500.00

2. Special review of movie trailer or television plugs (Review outside of MTRCB office/review during non-working days and beyond 2PM cut-off)
   P1,725.00 - P1,725.00

3. Movie print review surcharge
   a. Three (3) days before the date of showing
      P10,000.00 - P10,000.00
   b. Two (2) days before the date of showing
      P12,000.00 - P12,000.00
   c. One (1) day before the date of showing
      P15,000.00 - P15,000.00

4. TV Review Surcharge
   a. Review materials submitted four (4) to nine (9) days before airing date
      P1,200.00 - P1,200.00
   b. Review materials submitted three (3) days before airing date
      P1,800.00 - P1,800.00
   c. Review materials submitted two (2) days before airing date
      P2,500.00 - P2,500.00
   d. Review materials submitted one (1) day before airing date
      P3,500.00 - P3,500.00
   e. Plug/movie trailer/TV trailer submitted beyond 2:00 PM (per version)
      P1,200.00 - P1,200.00

5. Airing without MTRCB Permit To Exhibit (per episode/airing day)
   a. TV material over thirty (30) minutes
      P5,000.00 - P5,000.00
   b. TV material thirty (30) minutes or less (including plugs/trailers)
      P2,500.00 - P2,500.00

G. CHECKING FEE:

1. For Theatrical Exhibition
   a. Regular Rate - local or foreign
      Movie Print
      P9,450.00 - P9,450.00
      Trailers
      P950.00 - P950.00
   b. Festival Rate - local or foreign
      Movie Print
      P4,600.00 - P4,600.00
      Short Film (running time not longer than 45 minutes)
      P850.00 - P850.00
   c. Special fee for Local Independent Film (70% off on the prevailing rate – per MC 07-2011)
      Movie Print
      P2,835.00 - P2,835.00
   d. Advisory classification fee (per MC 07-2012 on exemption of government materials)
      Movie Print
      P2,000.00 - P2,000.00

2. For Television Exhibition
   a. Based on the running time of the material
      1. Thirty minutes (30 min) or less
         P400.00 - P400.00
      2. More than thirty minutes to one (1) hour
         P800.00 - P800.00
      3. Over one hour to and a half (1 1/2) hour
         P1,200.00 - P1,200.00
      4. Over one hour and a half to two (2) hours
         P1,600.00 - P1,600.00
      5. Every additional half hour
         P400.00 - P400.00
   b. TV trailer of movie for theatrical exhibition per version
      P400.00 - P400.00
   c. Full length film plug for television exhibition per version
      P400.00 - P400.00
   d. Sample plug per television program
      P500.00 - P500.00

APPROVED BY AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD:

EUGENIO H. VILLAREAL
Chairperson
26 May 2014

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