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**OFFICE OF THE CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL
MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 04-06**

To: All Local Civil Registrars

From: 
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Civil Registrar General

Subject: Issuance of Certificate of Death for the Burial of Amputated Part of a Human Body

This is to clarify an issue raised regarding the issuance of a Certificate of Death for amputated part or parts of a human body.

As provided in Rule 31 of Administrative Order No. 1, Series of 1993, death is a permanent disappearance of all evidence of life at any time after the live birth has taken place (postnatal cessation of vital functions without capability of resuscitation). Thus, when we speak of death, it should refer to the death of a human being and not to a loss of any part or organ thereof. By definition, a Certificate of Death is issued only in relation to a death of a person.

The Certificate of Death, however, is one of the requirements for acquisition of burial permits, as no remains can be buried without this certificate. Thus, in this case, a Certificate of Death can be issued with appropriate remarks **“For Burial Purposes Only”**. The Certificate of Death for amputated part or parts of the body is, however, **not registrable**. The hospital or attendant at death shall accomplish three copies of the certificate and shall forward the same to the local civil registrar **not for registration but for statistical purposes and reference**.

For consistent implementation, all local civil registrars should confer or make understanding with local health officials, hospital attendants and other concerned persons in his locality.

For your guidance and appropriate action.

cc: Dir. Lourdes J. Hufana, NSO-CRD
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