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**CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
NO. 121-2019

To: **ALL DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**ALL SERVICE DIRECTORS**  
**ALL DISTRICT/PORT COLLECTORS**  
**ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

SUBJECT: **Authentication of Documents in accordance with the Apostille Convention**

With reference to the adherence of the Philippines to the Apostille Convention, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) will no longer issue Authentication Certificates starting 14 May 2019. The DFA will instead affix an Apostille to documents to be used abroad as proof of authentication.

Public documents executed in Apostille-contracting countries and territories except Australia, Finland, Germany and Greece to be used in the Philippines no longer have to be authenticated by the Philippine Embassy or Consulate General once Apostilled.

For countries and territories which are not Apostille-contracting parties, the previous process of authentication still applies. Documents still have to be authenticated by the Philippine Embassy or Consulate General before they can be used in the Philippines. Further, there is still a need for authentication by the concerned Foreign Embassies or Consulate General if the country of destination of the authenticated document is not yet a member of the Apostille Convention.

For your information and guidance.

For records purposes, please confirm the dissemination of this Circular throughout your offices within fifteen (15) days from receipt.

**REY LEONARDO B. GUERRERO**

Commissioner  
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