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No. 260-2021

To: All Deputy Commissioners
All Service Directors
All District/Port Collectors
All Others Concerned

**SUBJECT: REQUIREMENT OF FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA)
AUTHORIZATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF VAPOR PRODUCTS
AND HEATED TOBACCO PRODUCTS**

With reference to the attached letter dated October 22, 2021 from Engr. Ana Trinidad F. Rivera, Director IV, Center for Cosmetics and Household/Urban Hazardous Substances Regulation and Research, Food and Drug Administration (FDA-CCHUHSRR), please be informed that the licensing and registration requirements for vapor product and heated tobacco product (HTP) establishments and products are not yet mandatory in view of the existing 18-month transitory period as prescribed in the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act Nos. 11346 and 11467.

In addition, the full enforcement of the FDA regulatory guidelines for the said products shall be on May 24, 2022.

For information and reference.

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


REY LEONARDO B. GUERRERO

Commissioner



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Dear COMMISSIONER GUERRERO,
Greetings!

The Food and Drug Administration - Center for Cosmetics and Household/Urban Hazardous Substances Regulation and Research (FDA - CCHUHSRR) would like to inform your good office as well as to respectfully request for your assistance in disseminating to the different divisions/groups/ports under the Bureau of Customs (BOC) that the licensing and registration requirements for vapor product and heated tobacco product (HTP) establishments and products, are not yet mandatory in view of the existing 18-month transitory period as prescribed in the implementing rules and regulation of Republic Act Nos. 11346 and 11467. We would like to reiterate that the full enforcement of the FDA regulatory guidelines for these products shall be on 24 May 2022.

We hope that we have clarified this matter accordingly. For concerns, you may contact us at ntru@fda.gov.ph.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

ENGR. ANA TRINIDAD F. RIVERA, MSc
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