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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS
Manila

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ASSESSMENT AND OPERATIONS COORDINATING GROUP

MEMORANDUM:

TO : All District/Sub-Port Collectors
All Other Concerned

SUBJECT : Memorandum Circular No. 2014-004 dated
19 February 2014 issued by the Food and Drug
Administration

DATE : 24 April 2014

For your information and guidance is the above-mentioned Memorandum from the Food and Drug Administration as an extension of six-month moratorium on the requirement of Certificate of Product Registration for raw materials to be presented to the Bureau of Customs (BOC) prior to release per FDA Memorandum Circular (FMC) No. 2013-032 and FMC 2013-035 until 31 August 2014.

For strict compliance.

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AGATON TEODORO O. UVERO
Deputy Commissioner
Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group

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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



19 February 2014

FDA CIRCULAR
No. **2014-004**

TO : All Food Distributors/Importers, the FDA and the Bureau of Customs Personnel, and Other Concerned Parties

SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF SIX-MONTH MORATORIUM ON THE REQUIREMENT OF CERTIFICATE OF PRODUCT REGISTRATION FOR RAW MATERIALS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS (BOC) PRIOR TO RELEASE PER FDA MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR (FMC) NO. 2013-032 AND FMC NO. 2013-035 UNTIL 31 AUGUST 2014

Due to numerous requests for extension received by the Center for Food Regulation and Research (CFRR), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is hereby extending the six months moratorium period from 28 February 2014 as per FDA Memorandum Circular Nos. 2013-035 to another six months or until 31 August 2014.

Up to 31 August 2014, all distributors/importers of raw materials, food ingredients or food additives intended for distribution or for sale shall present only a valid FDA License to Operate (LTO) to the Bureau of Customs (BOC) for immediate release of the products.

However, starting on 01 September 2014, all food distributors/importers shall be required to present to the Bureau of Customs (BOC) a valid FDA LTO issued by the FDA and a valid FDA Certificate of Product Registration (CPR) for every raw material, food ingredient or food additive, as per requirement of FDA Memorandum Circular No. 2013-032.

As appropriate, this Moratorium shall be applicable to initial, renewal, automatic renewal, and re-application of CPR for raw materials, food ingredients and food additives. All applications shall be done through the Public Assistance, Information and Receiving (PAIR) system (<http://www.fda.gov.ph/industry-corner/downloadables/237-fda-public-assistance-information-and-receiving-pair> and <http://www.fda.gov.ph/industry-corner/downloadables/222-food-registration-requirements>). A CPR application fee of Php250 per product per year shall

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be paid to the FDA. The validity of the initial CPR shall be two (2) years while the renewed CPR shall be five (5) years.

As appropriate, the FDA rules and regulations implementing RA 8976 (Food Fortification Law) and RA 8172 (ASIN Law) shall be applicable.

For more information and clarification, kindly send your email to info@fda.gov.ph with a subject heading of "CFRR."

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