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IMPORTS AND ASSESSMENT SERVICE

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South Harbor, Gate 3, Port Area, Manila
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MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL DISTRICT COLLECTORS

ATTN : Chief, Liquidation and Billing Division

FROM : **JEOFFREY C. TACIO**
Director III *JW*
Imports and Assessment Service

SUBJECT : Request for Import and Export data of Agricultural Products
from year 1983 – 1991

DATE : March 15, 2018

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- 1.0 Reference:
 - a. Letter request of Mr. Noel A. Padre, Director of Policy Research Service, Department of Agriculture (DA) dated March 6, 2018
 - 2.0 The DA thru this Office would like to request the aforementioned subject from Liquidation and Billing Division of every port to be used for the computation of trigger prices of the Special Safeguard-eligible products.
 - 3.0 Attached herewith is a copy of the letter from the DA.
 - 4.0 For your information and compliance.

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March 6, 2018

COMMISSIONER ISIDRO S. LAPEÑA

Bureau of Customs
G/F OCOM Building
16th St., South Harbor
Port Area, Manila

Dear Commissioner Lapeña:

Greetings.

The Department of Agriculture (DA) is mandated to implement trade remedy measures prescribed in the Anti-dumping Act of 1999 (RA 8752), Countervailing Act of 1999 (RA 8751), and Safeguard Measures Act (RA 8800). In order to effectively implement these laws, a comprehensive trade database of agricultural products is necessary for the evaluation and analysis of data.

We are currently updating the trade database for agricultural products to carry out the mandate of the abovementioned laws. However, we are experiencing difficulties retrieving historical data in the years 1983 - 1991 from different sources (*e.g. Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), UN Comtrade and Trade Map*). These historical data are vital in computing the trigger prices of agricultural products eligible for Special Safeguard (SSG) Measures as a trigger price is based on the 1986 - 1988 average import CIF price of a product (*based on the Agreement on Agriculture in the World Trade Organization*). In order to monitor the trade data and fully implement the SSG measures, the DA and BOC need a complete list of SSG-eligible products and their corresponding trigger prices which is necessary in computing the SSG duty per shipment.

In view of this, we would like to request the BOC to provide the DA with a data set of agricultural import and export products from 1983 - 1991 with the following information: (a) HSCODE/AHTN; (b) Product Description; (c) Importing Country (for export data) and Exporting Country (for import data); (d) Volume and unit of measurement; and (e) Value (FOB, CIF) in USD and PhP. These will be used as reference for the computation of trigger prices of SSG-eligible products.

If you have further inquiries, please contact Mr. James Faderon at telephone (02) 273-2463 loc. 2316 and e-mail address: tru.mepd.prs@gmail.com.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



NOEL A. PADRE
Director
Policy Research Service