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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS
ALL DISTRICT/SUB-PORT COLLECTORS
ALL CHIEFS, FORMAL ENTRY DIVISION
ALL OTHER CONCERNED

FROM : ALBERTO D. LINA

SUBJECT : Importation of FDA-DOH Regulated Products for Personal Use

DATE : 09 July 2015

With reference to the attached Joint Circular No. 1 from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-Department of Health (DOH), dated 22 June 2015, you are hereby informed of the FDA-DOH regulated products and their corresponding quantities that may be brought into the Philippines without prior clearance from the FDA-DOH, subject to the conditions stated therein.

The Officer-in-Charge, Internal Administration Group is also instructed to send this Memorandum to the Chiefs, Central Record Management Division (CRMD) and Public Information and Assistance Division (PIAD), for circularization and updating of our website for the information of the stakeholders and the general public as well.

For your information and reference.

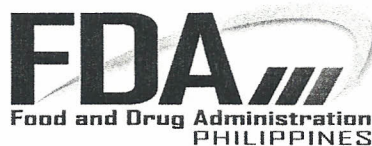
Please be guided accordingly.


ALBERTO D. LINA
Commissioner



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**DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH**

**FOOD AND DRUG
ADMINISTRATION**

BUREAU OF CUSTOMS

JOINT CIRCULAR NO. 1

TO : ALL CONCERNED OFFICES, AGENCIES AND THE PUBLIC

IN RE : Importation of FDA-DOH Regulated Products for Personal Use

DATE : June 22, 2015

The Department of Health (DOH), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and the Bureau of Customs (BOC) hereby issue this joint circular:

1. Imports of FDA-DOH -regulated products as listed below, may be brought into the Philippines without prior clearance from the Food and Drugs Administration, provided such products are:
 - a. For personal use;
 - b. In quantities not exceeding the limits shown below; and
 - c. Brought into the Philippines in any of the following ways:
 - i. In passenger baggage, whether accompanied or unaccompanied;
 - ii. In balikbayan boxes; or
 - iii. In parcels sent through mail or delivery services.
2. The FDA-DOH regulated products and quantities are as follows:

Item	Quantity Allowed
Childcare articles	5 kg
Toys	10 pieces
Cosmetics	
Perfumes	5 pieces
Lipstick	10 pieces
Shampoo	2 kg
Lotion	2 kg
Bar soap	2 kg
Assorted cosmetics	1 kg
Household Hazardous Substance (i.e., detergent, fabric conditioners/softeners, dishwashing liquids, etc.)	5 kg
In-Vitro Diagnostic Products	1 piece of each type

<i>(except for in-vitro diagnostic kits used as maintenance test strips which are sold by packs can be up to 100 pieces)</i>	
Medical Devices <i>(except for medical devices used as maintenance such as insulin needles and lancets which are sold by packs can be up to 100 pieces)</i>	<i>1 piece of each type</i>
Over-the-Counter Drugs	<i>50 g</i>
Prescription Drugs	<i>The imported quantity or volume should correspond to the quantity or volume specified in the prescription with the corresponding physician's PRC License number, or its equivalent for prescriptions issued by foreign physicians.</i>
Vitamins, Supplements, & other health supplements intended as Maintenance	<i>500 g in total</i>
Processed Food <i>(including cooked food)</i>	<i>10 kg</i>
Wines/Liquor	<i>2 bottles but not exceeding 1.5 liters</i>

3. The limits apply to the totality of all products within a specific category (i.e. childcare articles, toys, cosmetics, etc.). For example:


Allowed without permit	<i>3 pieces – lipstick 2 pieces – toys 1 kg – lotion 500 g – bar soap 500 g – shampoo</i>
Not allowed without permit	<i>15 pieces – toys 5 kg – lotion</i>

4. Any quantity of the covered products, whether declared or undeclared, beyond the specified limits which does not have the required FDA-DOH clearance, will be seized and forfeited in favor of the government. Those within the specified limit shall be allowed without FDA-DOH clearance subject to payment of customs duties, when necessary.
5. Fresh or frozen unprocessed foods- including fresh fruits, frozen meat, fresh fish- even in quantities for personal use, may not be brought into, or sent to, the Philippines without prior clearance from the relevant agency of the Department of Agriculture.




6. Importation of any household urban pesticides shall require prior FDA clearance.
7. All dangerous drugs, controlled precursors and essential chemicals, and other similar or analogous substances are subject to the regulations of Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB) and Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA).
8. This Joint Circular shall take effect immediately.

Signed in Manila.

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ALBERTO D. LINA
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