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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS

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CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 207-2017

To: All Deputy Commissioners
All Directors and Division Chiefs
All District/Port Collectors
And Others Concerned

**Subject: Office of the President (OP) MC No. 34/ASEAN
Liberalizing 8 Professional Services**

Attached is a copy of the Office of the President (OP) Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 34 entitled: **"URGING ALL CONCERNED AGENCIES TO FULLY IMPLEMENT THE ASEAN MUTUAL RECOGNITION ARRANGEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY THE ASEAN MEMBER STATES AFFECTING EIGHT (8) PROFESSIONAL SERVICES."**

The ASEAN governments concluded to liberalize the practice of the following professions within the region: (1) Engineering Services; (2) Nursing; (3) Architectural Services; (4) Surveying Qualifications; (5) Dental Practitioners; (6) Medical Practitioners; (7) Accountancy Services; and (8) Tourism-related Services.

For your information and guidance.

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

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ISIDRO S LAPEÑA, PhD, CSEE
Commissioner



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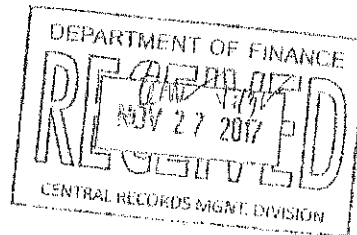
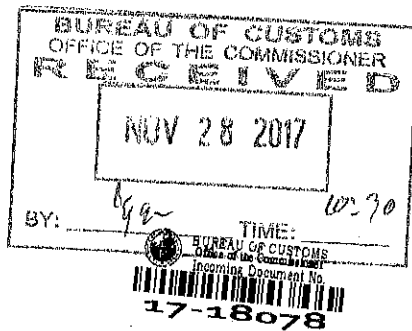
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FROM : 
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SUBJECT : Memorandum Circular No. 34 entitled "URGING ALL
CONCERNED AGENCIES TO FULLY IMPLEMENT THE
ASEAN MUTUAL RECOGNITION ARRANGEMENTS
ENTERED INTO BY THE ASEAN MEMBER STATES
AFFECTING EIGHT (8) PROFESSIONAL SERVICES"

DATE : November 27, 2017

Attached for information and guidance is a copy of Memorandum Circular No. 34 dated 16 November 2017 from Executive Secretary Salvador C. Medialdea, Office of the President on the above-captioned subject.



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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 34

URGING ALL CONCERNED AGENCIES TO FULLY IMPLEMENT THE ASEAN MUTUAL RECOGNITION ARRANGEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY THE ASEAN MEMBER STATES AFFECTING EIGHT (8) PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Member States (AMS) adopted the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services (AFAS) on 15 December 1995 and the 2003 Declaration of ASEAN Concord II (Bali Concord II) on 07 October 2003, recognizing the importance of Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRAs) in overall services integration in ASEAN;

WHEREAS, Article V of the AFAS provides that the AMS may recognize the education or experience obtained, requirements met, or licenses or certifications granted in other AMS, for the purposes of licensing or certification of service suppliers;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Bali Concord II, AMS called for the completion of the MRAs for qualifications in major professional services by 2008 in order to facilitate free movement of professionals/skilled labor/talents in the ASEAN;

WHEREAS, the Governments of the AMS, namely, Brunei Darussalam, the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Republic of Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, concluded eight (8) ASEAN MRAs to liberalize the practice of the following professions: (1) Engineering Services; (2) Nursing Services; (3) Architectural Services; (4) Surveying Qualifications; (5) Dental Practitioners; (6) Medical Practitioners; (7) Accountancy Services; and (8) Tourism-related Services;

WHEREAS, the objectives of the ASEAN MRAs are the following: (1) to facilitate mobility of practitioners within the ASEAN region; (2) to exchange information and enhance cooperation with respect to mutual recognition of practitioners; (3) to promote adoption of best practices on standards and qualifications; and (4) to provide opportunities for capacity building and training of practitioners;

WHEREAS, ASEAN shall continue its efforts to ensure closer and mutually beneficial integration among its member states and among their peoples, and to promote regional peace and stability, security, development and prosperity with a view of realizing an ASEAN Community that is open, dynamic and resilient;

NOW, THEREFORE, all concerned departments, agencies and instrumentalities of the National Government, including government-owned and controlled corporations, government financial institutions, state universities and

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colleges and local government units, especially those named in Annex A, are hereby directed to fully implement the ASEAN Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRAs) in their respective sectors.

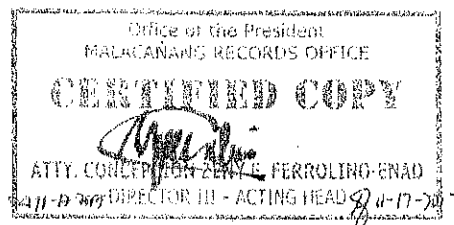
The requirements for the implementation of the MRAs shall be charged against the regular budget of the concerned agencies and instrumentalities, subject to the availability of funds, and applicable budgetary, accounting and auditing laws, rules, regulations and procedures.

This Circular shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 16th day of November, in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand and Seventeen.

By authority of the President:

Signature
SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA
Executive Secretary



ANNEX A -

- Department of Foreign Affairs
- Professional Regulation Commission
- Department of Tourism
- Department of Justice
- Department of Labor and Employment
- Department of Health
- Department of Budget and Management
- Commission on Higher Education
- Securities and Exchange Commission