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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS
Manila

07 August 2017

MEMORANDUM

TO : **All District Port Collector**
All Others Concerned

Attached is the letter of Mr. Wilfredo C. Roldan, Executive Director, Fertilizer & Pesticide Authority in reference to the request of the importer of Zinc Sulphate Heptahydrate & Zinc Sulphate Monohydrate to consider the Value added Tax (VAT) exemption certificates issued by his office so that these products can be used for agricultural purposes as mentioned in the Advanced Ruling On Tariff Classification TCC (AR) No. 16-327 issued on December 1, 2016.

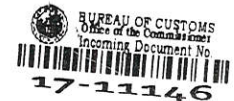
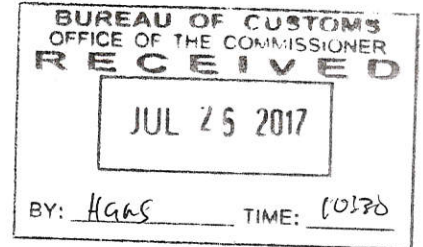
For your information and guidance.


MILO D. MAESTRECAMPO MBA, CSP
Director III
Import Assessment Service

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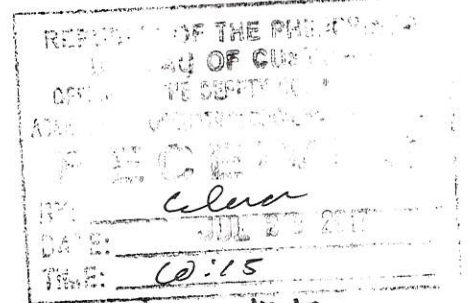
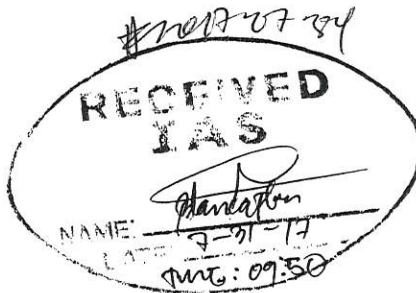


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July 20, 2017

Mr. Nicanor Faeldon
Commissioner
Bureau of Customs
South Harbor, Manila



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Dear Commissioner Faeldon:

Greetings from the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority!

This has reference to the request of the importers of Zinc Sulphate Heptahydrate and Zinc Sulphate Monohydrate to consider the Value Added Tax (VAT) exemption certificates issued by our Office so that these products can be used for agricultural purposes as mentioned in the Advance Ruling on Tariff Classification TCC (AR) No. 16-327 issued on December 1, 2016.

May we reiterate that pursuant to the provisions of Section 103 C of Executive Order No. 273 as amended by Republic Act No. 7716-Expanded Value-Added Tax Law.

“Sale or importation of fertilizer shall be exempted from Value-Added Tax Coverage”.

Whereas, in accordance with Chapter II, Sec. 2.1.3 “Definition of Terms”, of Fertilizer Regulatory Policies and Implementing Guidelines, to wit:

- a. Fertilizer-any substance, solid or liquid, inorganic or organic, natural or synthetic, single or a combination of materials that is applied to the soil or on the plant to provide one or more of the essential nutrients to improve plant nutrition, growth, yield or quality, or for promoting a chemical change that enhances plant nutrition, growth, yield or quality, or for promoting a chemical change that enhances plant nutrition and growth.
- b. Grade-XXX
- c. Plant Macronutrients-XXX
- d. Plant Micronutrients-group of nutrients which are essential for plant growth but are required in small amounts. These include readily available forms of Iron (fe), Manganese (Mn), Boron (B), Molybdenum (Mo. Copper (Cu), Zinc (Zn, Chlorine (Cl) and Cobalt (Co).


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Zinc Sulphate Heptahydrate and Zinc Sulphate Monohydrate are sources of Zinc which is an essential micronutrient needed by the plants for growth and development. These products are applied to crops like banana, pineapple and rice. FPA has granted VAT exemptions to the importation of these products under Heading 28.33 of the 2012 AHTN in **all ports of entry**.

We hope that this letter and our letter dated February 8, 2017 be given attention as we believe that the competitiveness of farm inputs like Zinc Sulphate Heptahydrate and Zinc Sulphate Monohydrate benefit the farmers.

Thank you and hoping for a favourable response from your office.

Very truly yours,


WILFREDO C. ROLDAN
Executive Director

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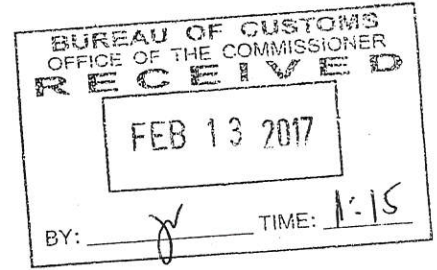
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February 8, 2017

MR. NICANOR FAELDON
Commissioner
Bureau of Customs
South Harbor, Manila



Dear Commissioner Faeldon:



Greetings from the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA)!

This has reference to the importation of Zinc Sulphate Heptahydrate for agricultural crops which has been granted value added tax exemption by this office.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 103 C of Executive Order No. 273 as amended by Republic Act No. 7716 - Expanded Value-Added Tax Law.

" Sale or importation of fertilizer shall be exempted from Value-Added Tax Coverage".

Whereas, in accordance with Chapter II, Sec 2.1.3 "Definition of Terms", of Fertilizer Regulatory Policies and Implementing Guidelines, to wit:

- a. Fertilizer-any substance, solid or liquid, inorganic or inorganic, natural or synthetic, single or a combination of materials that is applied to the soil or on the plant to provide one or more of the essential nutrients to improve plant nutrition, growth, yield or quality, or for promoting a chemical change that enhances plant nutrition and growth.
- b. Grade - XXX
- c. Plant Macronutrients- XXX
- d. Plant Micronutrients- group of nutrients which are essential for plant growth but are required in small amounts. These include readily available forms of Iron (Fe), Manganese (Mn), Boron (B), Molybdenum (Mo), Copper (Cu), Zinc (Zn), Chlorine (Cl) and Cobalt (Co).

The aforesaid product is the source of Zinc which is an essential micronutrient needed by plants for growth and development. Zinc Sulphate Heptahydrate is a fertilizer for agricultural crops like banana, pineapple and rice. With this background, our agency has granted VAT exemption to the importation of Zinc Sulphate Heptahydrate under Heading 28.33 of the 2012 AHTN **in all ports of entry.**

Thank you for your usual support.

Very truly yours,

WILFREDO C. ROLDAN
Executive Director

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