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CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 264 - 2019

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

SUBJECT: Inclusion of Gamma-Butyrolactone (GBL) in the List of Dangerous Drugs

Attached is letter with *Ref. No. 585/CS-MISC/2019* from Mr. AARON N. AQUINO, Director General, Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) informing that effective *August 8, 2019 gamma-Butyrolactone (GBL) and all compounds, mixtures, or preparations containing any quantity thereof, by whatever official name, common name, chemical name or designated brand name are included in the list of Dangerous Drugs pursuant to Board Regulation No. 4 Series 2019.*

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.


REY LEONARDO B. GUERRERO

Commissioner
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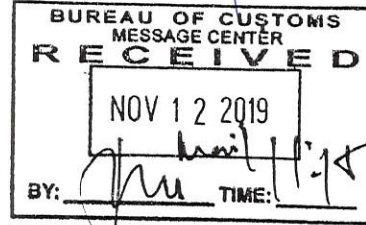
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Commissioner
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS
G/F OCOM Bldg., Port Area
Manila

ATTENTION: **Customs Task Group/Force
on Dangerous Drugs and Controlled Chemicals**



Dear Commissioner Guerrero:

This has reference to the letter of DECA TECHNOLOGIES, INC. with office/warehouse address located at 100 East Main Ave. Extension, Laguna Technopark, Biñan, Laguna, is a PDEA registered importer of controlled substances under P5-IM-031540001-R060-D license valid until July 04, 2020. Subject company has imported **7Kg LTC 9320-E67 (containing gamma-Butyrolactone [GBL] 30-60%)** under Airway Bill of No. 6GM8988 dated October 25, 2019 which arrived from Belgium on October 29, 2019 at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) without appropriate PDEA permit.

Please be informed that effective August 08, 2019 gamma-Butyrolactone (GBL) and all compounds, mixtures, or preparations containing any quantity thereof, by whatever official name, common name, chemical name or designated brand name are included in the list of Dangerous Drugs pursuant to **Board Regulation No. 4 Series 2019**.

Further, **Section 6 (2) (b) of DDB Regulation No. 1 s. 2014**, *"No operator shall import, bring into the Philippines in transit, redirect from the Philippines while in transit, any controlled substance and its preparation, except pursuant to and in accordance with any terms or conditions of: a separate import permit, export permit, transit permit or redirection permit, authorizing the applicant to carry out the specific transaction of the subject in the permit application"*.

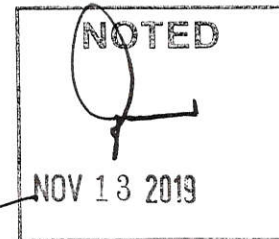
Under **Section 51(1)(i) para 2 of DDB Regulation No. 1 S. 2014**, *"Any person found in violation of this Regulation shall be subject to the following penalties: xxx.... For importation of a controlled substance, mixture and preparations by a licensed operator without an approved import permit from the PDEA, a fine amounting to 15% of the total value of the shipment or P 50,000.00, whichever is higher.... xxx"*.

In this connection, abovementioned shipment is subject to imposition of fine payable to the Dangerous Drugs Board in the amount of Sixty-nine Thousand Five Hundred Twelve Pesos and Ninety-one Centavos (PhP 69,512.91) without prejudice to whatever sanctions the Bureau of Customs may impose against DECA TECHNOLOGIES, INC. for violation of the Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines.

With assurance of our continuous cooperation and support on matters of mutual concern.

Very truly yours,

AARON N. AQUINO
Director General



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