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May 03, 2019

**The Director**

Office of the National Administrative Register (ONAR)  
UP Law Center Diliman, Quezon City

Sir/Ma'am:


Transmitted are three certified true copies and soft copy (word format in compact disc rewritable) of the following Customs Memorandum Order, to wit:

**CMO 20-2019: REVOKING CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 44-2009 (CPRS REGISTRATION OF ONCE-A-YEAR IMPORTER [PREVIOUSLY FIRST AND LAST IMPORTATION SCHEME])**

**CMO 21-2019: PROHIBITION ON THE IMPORTATION OF NEUTRALIZED PHOSPHOGYPSUM.**

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
GLADYS C. CABUGAWAN  
Chief, CRMD



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**CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM ORDER**  
NO. 21- 2019

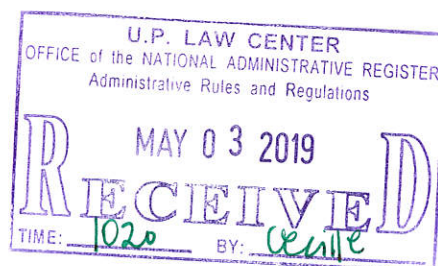
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**TO: ALL DISTRICT/PORT COLLECTORS  
SERVICE/DIVISION/SECTION CHIEFS  
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT: PROHIBITION ON THE IMPORTATION OF NEUTRALIZED  
PHOSPHOGYPSUM**

Attached is a letter of Engr. Metodio U. Turbella, Director, Environment Management Bureau, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, informing the Bureau that neutralized phosphogypsum is not included in the list of recyclable materials allowed for importation under Table 10.1 of DENR Administrative Order No. 22, Series of 2013, entitled "Revised Procedures and Standards for the Management of Hazardous Wastes". In addition, neutralized phosphogypsum is radioactive and the limiting conditions of Table 10.1 of DAO-22-2013 indicates that the **importation of recyclable materials (scrap metals) should not contain radioactive materials.**

In view of the foregoing, it is hereby ordered that **all shipments containing neutralized phosphogypsum shall not be allowed entry and shall be shipped back to the port of origin by the importer or shipper.**



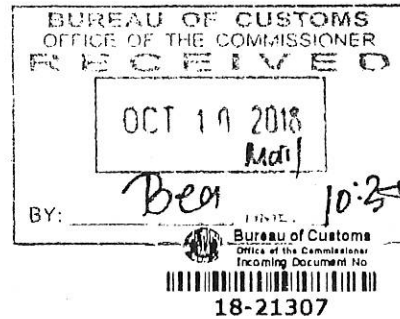
  
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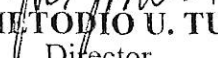
Dear **Commissioner Lapeña:**

This has reference to your letter dated 24 August 2018 received by this Office on 10 September 2018 regarding your inquiry if the importation of neutralized phosphogypsum is covered by the permitting requirements under Chapter 10 of DENR Administrative Order No. 22 Series of 2013 (Revised Procedures and Standards for the Management of Hazardous Wastes). It is noted that the said material is imported by Mearc Philtrade Corporation which arrived at the Port of Masinloc on 12 August 2018 from Chinhae, Korea.


Please be informed that neutralized phosphogypsum is not included in the list of recyclable materials allowed for importation under Table 10.1 of the said DAO. Likewise, based on literature review, the said material is radioactive due the presence of naturally occurring radioactive elements. It is indicated in the limiting conditions of Table 10.1 of DAO 2013-22 that the importation of recyclable materials (scrap metals) should not contain radioactive materials. Further, considering that phosphogypsum is a waste per se without recycling to be done, its importation is not allowed.

In this regard, we recommend that the said material be shipped back to its country of origin. Thank you and we are looking forward of working with you on a cleaner and better environment.

Very truly yours,

  
**ENGR. METODIOS U. TURBELLA**  
Director

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