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SUBJECT : Review of Export Coordination Division on Certificates of Origin validated and verified by Preferential Rate Unit

DATE : September 11, 2020

As an office in-charge with the exercise of an oversight function on all activities relative to the issuance and utilization of Certificates of Origin (CO's) whether unilateral, bilateral, regional, or multilateral pursuant to Customs Memorandum Order No. 2-2010 re: Rules and Regulations Strengthening the functions of the Export Coordination Division (ECD) under the office of the Assessment Operations Coordinating Group (AOCG), the ECD, endowed with the expertise in determining the authenticity of COs, is hereby directed to review and re-evaluate all Certificates of Origin verified and validated by Preferential Rate Unit (PRU) to be utilized in the importation of goods.

It is worthy to note that since the creation of Preferential Rate Unit (PRU), the ECD has never encountered, not even an instance, a request for retro-verification of COs to be utilized in the importation of goods. And yet, this Office, from time to time, has been receiving inquiries and complaints from other stakeholders regarding the abuse and misplaced utilization of COs by their peers with the insinuation that the latter are accorded undue favor that definitely runs counter to the very essence and integrity of the issuance of COs.

Corollary, in order to address this issue and protect the very integrity of the CO, the PRU is hereby directed to forward to the Chief, ECD of said COs for review before it can be utilized by any importer to ensure its proper utilization and to maintain database of information relative to the utilization of all kinds of COs for statistical record in compliance with international agreement on ROO.

For your compliance.

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