

**MEMORANDUM**

TO : All District Collectors
All Sub-port Collectors
All Export Divisions or its Equivalent Units
All Others Concerned

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Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group

SUBJECT : Evaluation of Goods Applying for Certificate of Origin (CO)

DATE : February 5, 2021

In accordance with the Rules of Origin set under Operational Certification Procedures of various Free Trade Agreements (FTA) and pursuant to Administrative Provision No. 2 of CMO No. 2-2010, Export Coordination Division shall carry out pre-examination of the goods and issue Product Evaluation Report (PER) on each export product applied before the Certificate of Origin can be issued to determine that goods to be exported qualify for the issuance of the same.

Correspondingly, the Product Evaluation Report shall be valid for three (3) years¹ but can still be subject to review periodically or whenever appropriate. Thus, Exporters who previously applied for Product Evaluation Report that lapsed the three-year validity period are directed to re-apply² for its updated evaluation.

For locally produced and/or wholly obtained export products, self-declaration by the exporter, manufacturer, and/or trader exporting under various FTA shall be used as the basis when applying for the issuance of the Certificate of Origin in compliance to the existing laws, rules, and regulations thereon.

In this regard, all Exporters are given the period of **two (2) months** from the date of publication of this Memorandum within which to comply with the Product Evaluation requirement, otherwise, no Certificate of Origin can be issued.

For information.

¹ The three-year validity period may still be subject to review periodically or whenever appropriate.

² For application of product evaluation within Metro Manila, it shall be submitted to Export Coordination Division, Port Operations Service, AOCG pursuant to CMO No. 28-2020 re: Revocation of CMO No. 11-2020 re: Temporary Delegation by Export Coordination Division (ECD) to Export Division (ED) the function of pre-evaluation of exporters and their export products for certificate of origin issuance purposes.