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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

BUREAU OF CUSTOMS

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MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL DISTRICT AND SUB-PORT COLLECTORS
ALL DEPUTY COLLECTORS FOR ASSESSMENT
ALL CHIEFS, FORMAL ENTRY DIVISION
ALL APPRAISERS AND EXAMINERS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM : REY LEONARDO B. GUERRERO
Commissioner *rn* JAN 18 2019

SUBJECT : UTILIZATION OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL
TRADE REPOSITORY

DATE : 15 January 2019



Belated request for Certificates of Exemption addressed to the appropriate regulatory government agencies have unduly hampered the processing of import and export documents, immensely contributing to the port congestion and even impacting on the collection of government revenues. Others even indiscriminately demand Certificates of Exemption only to shroud their uncertainty whether the commodity is subject to regulatory coverage or not

To curtail such practice, you are directed to verify from the **PHILIPPINE NATIONAL TRADE REPOSITORY (PNTR)** website (*pntr.gov.ph*) the regulatory requirements of the commodity, subject of course to recent regulatory issuances that are not yet reflected in the said PNTR website.

Should a regulatory requirement be discovered as not reflected in the PNTR website, you are to immediately notify in writing the AOCG for the latter to cause a Bureau-wide notification on the matter and to coordinate with the PNTR Secretariat of the DTI to update the PNTR website.

Thus, henceforth Certificates of Exemption shall only be demanded if applicable laws, rules and regulations explicitly require such, as reflected in the PNTR website, subject to the exemption herein stated.

For immediate and strict compliance.

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