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MEMORANDUM

TO : **ALL DISTRICT COLLECTORS
HEAD, BOC CUSTOMER CARE CENTERS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

FROM : **REY LEONARDO B. GUERRERO**
Commissioner



BOC-02-11272

SUBJECT : **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ATA CARNET SYSTEM IN
THE PHILIPPINES**

DATE : **12 May 2022**

Section 4.1 of Customs Administration Order No. 2-2022 provides, as follows:

"The date of implementation of the ATA Carnet System shall be on 17 April 2022, subject, however, to full compliance by the NIGA of its duties and responsibilities under the Istanbul Convention."

To fully implement the ATA Carnet System in the Philippines, the Bureau of Customs (Bureau) has appointed on 11 April 2022 the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) as the recognized and duly authorized National Issuing and Guaranteeing Association (NIGA) for the Republic of the Philippines.

It is understood, however, that the PCCI can only perform its mandate as guaranteeing association once it becomes affiliated to the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) World Chambers Federation (WCF) ATA International Guarantee Chain.

Thus, pending compliance by the PCCI of this requirement, the Bureau cannot accept the ATA Carnet as a temporary admission paper for customs clearance as the PCCI is not yet approved by the World ATA Carnet Council (WATAC) to act as guaranteeing organization that will undertake to pay to the Bureau any import duties, taxes, and other amounts that may be chargeable in respect of goods imported under cover of an ATA Carnet. Moreover, please take note that the ATA Carnet can only be used and accepted in the list of countries specifically indicated in the ATA Carnet, the Philippines not being one of these countries as of yet.

For guidance and strict compliance.