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**TO :** ALL DISTRICT COLLECTORS  
ALL SUB-PORT COLLECTORS  
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

**FROM :** ATTY. EDWARD JAMES A. DY BUCO  
Deputy Commissioner, AOCG

**SUBJECT :** ISSUANCE OF IMPORTATION CLEARANCE FOR GRANULATED  
BLAST FURNACE SLAG TURNED INTO A PRODUCT IS NOT  
UNDER THE PURVIEW OF DENR-EMB

**DATE :** 06 January 2023

This is with reference to the attached letter reply dated 04 January 2023 from Engr. William P. Cuñado, Director, Environmental Management Bureau, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (EMB-DENR) addressed to Mr. IKE TAN, Head Procurement, HOLLCIM PHILIPPINES, INC. requesting that HOLLCIM be exempted from securing Importation Clearance from EMB-DENR for the shipment of Granulated Blast Furnace Slag (**GBFS**) to be used as raw material in cement manufacturing from the following sources:

- a. Nippon Steel Corporation, Japan – Muroran, Kimitsu, Kashima, Nagoya, Wakayama and Oita Area
- b. Kobe Steel Ltd. – Kanazawa-cho, Kakogawa, Hyogo 675-0137, Japan

EMB-DENR informs that the importation of GBFS which had undergone preprocessing/refining in the State of Export to turn into a product for various industrial usage like the purpose declared above is not regulated by EMB-DENR. Thus, an Importation Clearance (IC) is not required. However, this does not preclude HOLLCIM from complying with the requirements of other government agency(ies) that may regulate such product. Should there be a misdeclaration or the commodity is mixed with other types of material, denial of the shipment to enter the country shall be warranted and the same must be re-exported back to the state of its origin at the expense of the importer and exporter.

EMB-DENR further informs that the decision rendered here is only applicable to GBFS from the above-mentioned suppliers. Should the imported material be coming from other sources, HOLLCIM is required to furnish the EMB-DENR a Certificate of Quality or equivalent document indicating that it has already been preprocessed/refined to be a product

For information and reference.





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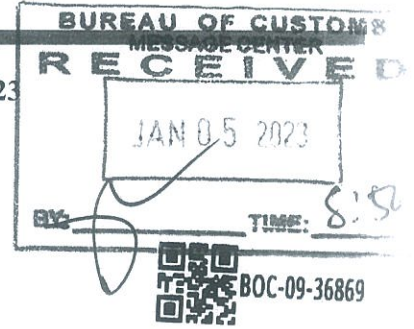
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Subject: **ISSUANCE OF IMPORTATION CLEARANCE FOR GRANULATED BLAST FURNACE SLAG TURNED INTO A PRODUCT IS NOT UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU**

Dear Mr. Tan:

This has reference to your letter (IIS Transaction No.: CO-2022-047724) dated 05 December 2022 requesting that you will be exempted from securing Importation Clearance (IC) from this Office for your shipment of Granulated Blast Furnace Slag (GBFS), to be used as raw material in cement manufacturing, from the following sources:

1. Nippon Steel Corporation, Japan – Muroran, Kimitsu, Kashima, Nagoya, Wakayama, and Oita Area
2. Kobe Steel Ltd. – 1, Kanazawa-cho, Kakogawa, Hyogo 675-0137, Japan

Please be informed that the importation of GBFS which had undergone preprocessing/refining in the State of Export to turn it into a product for various industrial usage like the purpose declared above is not regulated by this Bureau. Thus, an IC is not required from us. However, this does not preclude you from complying with the requirements of other government agency(ies) that may regulate such product. Should there be a misdeclaration or the commodity is mixed with any waste material, denial of the shipment to enter the country shall be warranted and the same must be re-exported back to the state of its origin at the expense of the importer and exporter.

Further, please be informed that the decision rendered here is only applicable to GBFS from the above-mentioned suppliers. Should the imported material be coming from other sources, you are required to furnish us a Certificate of Quality or equivalent document indicating that it has already been preprocessed/refined to be a product.

We hope we have addressed your concern.



Very truly yours,

**ENGR. WILLIAM P. CUÑADO**  
Director

Digitally signed by Cuñado William Purgatorio  
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- cc:
- The Commissioner**  
Bureau of Customs  
Port Area, Manila
  - The Director**  
Bureau of Import Services  
Department of Trade and Industry

