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TO : All Deputy Commissioners
All Directors and Division Chiefs
All District / Port Collectors
All Others concerned

SUBJECT : Implementation of 2017 version of the ASEAN Harmonized
Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN)

Attached is the letter dated 20 July 2017 of Ms. Marilou P. Mendoza, Chairperson, Tariff Commission endorsing the adoption and implementation of the 2017 version of the ASEAN Harmonized Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN 2017).

For your information and guidance.


ISIDRO S. LAPEÑA, Ph.D., CSEE
Commissioner



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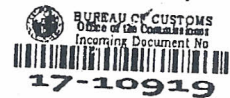
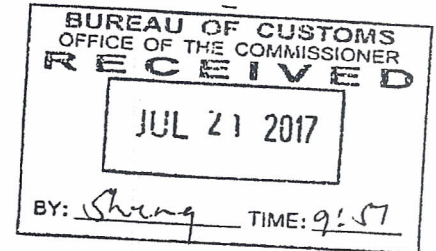
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

TARIFF COMMISSION

20 July 2017

COMMISSIONER NICANOR E. FAELDON

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Dear **Commissioner Faeldon**:

On 27 June 2017, the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Board approved the adoption and implementation of the 2017 version of the ASEAN Harmonized Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN 2017). As provided for under Executive Order (EO) 688 (s. 1981)¹, the AHTN 2017 shall take effect on 28 July 2017 or *"thirty (30) days after the approval and issuance by the National Economic and Development Authority."*

On 28 June 2017, this Commission (TC) provided your good Office with the AHTN 2017 nomenclature with the 2017 Most Favoured Nation (MFN) and Free Trade Area (FTA) tariff rates for the Bureau's ready reference. In keeping with this development and as part of the advocacy program of this Commission (TC), we are reaching out to our various partner agencies to provide updates on the structure of the new tariff nomenclature and the implications/significance of these changes on the tariff classification of goods.

For queries and/or coordination, your good Office may get in touch with Director Ma. Lourdes M. Saluta of the Research, Investigation and International Trade Analysis at telephone number (632) 926 7476 or at info@tariffcommission.gov.ph.

Thank you and kind regards.

Very truly yours,

MARILOU P. MENDOZA
Chairperson

¹ Aligning the Philippine Tariff Nomenclature and the General Rules of Classification Provided for Under Sections 104 and 203 of Presidential Decree No. 1464 in Accordance with the Customs Cooperation Council Nomenclature