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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS

**OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
ASSESSMENT AND OPERATIONS COORDINATING GROUP**

MEMORANDUM

FOR : All District Collectors
All Chief, Export Division
All Authorized Signatories of Certificates of Origin

SUBJECT : Clarifications on the Memorandum dated 28 July 2016

DATE : 12 August 2016

This pertains to the memorandum dated 28 July 2016 regarding the Evaluation of Goods Applying for Certificate of Origin. The said memorandum imposes no additional requirement for the issuance of COs, but is a mere reminder of the requirement under CMO 27-2004 entitled *Consolidated Procedures in the Issuance of Certificate of Origin (CO) with or without Preferential Tariff Treatment and the Conduct of Retroactive Verification (on CO Form D & Form E) by the Import Group* and other similar/related Operational Certification Procedure of our various FTAs which requires the preparation of pre-exportation verification before issuance of COs covering a particular product. Hence, if the origin of the product can be easily ascertained by its own nature, no pre-exportation evaluation is needed before issuance of COs.

To properly implement the subject memorandum, you are hereby given a transition period of 30 days from this date or until 15 September 2016 within which to comply with the said memorandum.

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Officer-in-Charge

