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**CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
NO. 03-2021

To: The Assistant Commissioner  
All Deputy Commissioners  
All Directors and Division Chiefs  
All District/Port Collectors  
And Others Concerned

**SUBJECT: Republic Act No. 11517**

Attached is the letter dated January 05, 2021 from Atty. Concepcion Zeny E. Ferrolino-Enad, Director IV, Malacañang Records Office, endorsing a copy of Republic Act No. 11517 entitled:

***"AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESSESING AND ISSUANCE OF NATIONAL AND LOCAL PERMITS, LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS IN TIMES OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY."***

For your information and guidance.

For record purposes, please confirm the dissemination of this circular throughout your offices within fifteen (15) days from receipt hereof.

  
**REY LEONARDO B. GUERRERO**

Commissioner  
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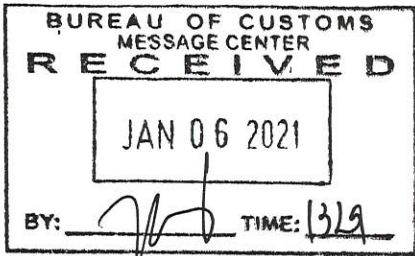
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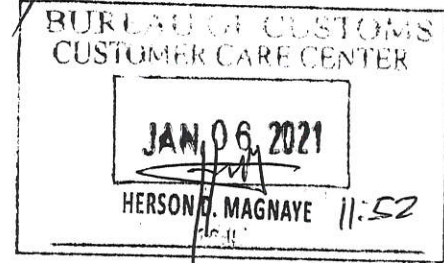
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**MALACAÑANG RECORDS OFFICE**

Manila, January 5, 2021

**COMMISSIONER REY LEONARDO B. GUERRERO**  
Bureau of Customs  
Port Area, Manila



**Sir:**

I have the honor to transmit for your information and guidance, a certified copy of Republic Act No. 11517 which was approved on December 23, 2020 entitled **"AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESSING AND ISSUANCE OF NATIONAL AND LOCAL PERMITS, LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS IN TIMES OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY."**

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]  
**ATTY. CONCEPCION ZENY E. FERROLINO-ENAD**  
Director IV

CMC No. 03-2021

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Republic of the Philippines  
Congress of the Philippines  
Metro Manila

Eighteenth Congress

Second Regular Session

Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-seventh  
day of July, two thousand twenty.

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[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11517 ]

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO EXPEDITE  
THE PROCESSING AND ISSUANCE OF NATIONAL  
AND LOCAL PERMITS, LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS  
IN TIMES OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the  
Philippines in Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. *Coverage.* - This Act shall cover all agencies of the Executive branch, including departments, bureaus, offices, commissions, boards, councils; government instrumentalities, government-owned and -controlled corporations such as, but not limited to, the following: Department of Finance (DOF), Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), Bureau of Customs (BOC); Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), National Water Resources Board (NWRB), Environmental Management Bureau (EMB), Land Management Bureau; Department of Justice (DOJ), Land Registration Authority (LRA), Bureau of Immigration (BI);



Department of Transportation (DOTr), Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB), Land Transportation Office (LTO), Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP), Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA); Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP); Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP); Department of Health (DOH), Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth), Food and Drug Administration (FDA); Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), National Telecommunications Commission (NTC); Department of Agriculture (DA), Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR); Department of Energy (DOE); Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC); Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE); Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD), Home Development Mutual Fund (HDMF/Pag-IBIG), Human Settlements Adjudication Commission (HSAC); Social Security System (SSS); Government Service Insurance System (GSIS); and local government units.

SEC. 2. *Authority of the President to Suspend the Requirements for National and Local Permits, Licenses and Certifications, and to Streamline and Expedite the Process for the Issuance Thereof.* - Notwithstanding any law, decree, order or ordinance to the contrary, the President, in times of national emergency shall have the authority to:

- (a) accelerate and streamline regulatory processes and procedures for new and pending applications and renewals of permits, licenses, clearances, certifications or authorizations, including fixing or shortening the periods provided for under existing laws, regulations, issuances, and ordinances;
- (b) suspend or waive the requirements in securing such permits, licenses, clearances, certifications or authorizations; and
- (c) in consultation with or upon the recommendation of the affected government agencies, may prescribe to be permanent the streamlined regulatory processes and procedures, and the suspension or waiver of the requirements in securing permits, licenses, clearances, and certifications or authorizations:

*Provided,* That the authority herein granted under subparagraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this section shall not be used to undermine the existing procedures and processes, under applicable laws, rules and regulations, meant to protect the environment, especially those that aim to safeguard protected areas and its buffer zones, and environmentally critical areas.


SEC. 3. *Power to Suspend or Remove.* - Consistent with Article VII, Sections 1 and 17 of the Constitution, the Revised Administrative Code, other existing laws, and jurisprudence, the President shall have the authority to suspend or remove, any government official or employee performing acts contrary to the preceding section.

SEC. 4. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, orders, ordinances, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect upon its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

  
 LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO      VICENTE C. SOTTO III  
*Speaker of the House*                      *President of the Senate*  
*of Representatives*

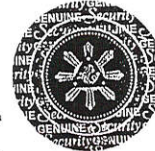
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This Act was passed by the Senate of the Philippines on October 14, 2020 and the House of Representatives in a special session on October 16, 2020.

*J. Bighani C. Sipin*  
JOCELIA BIGHANI C. SIPIN  
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*Myra Marie D. Villarica*  
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Secretary of the Senate

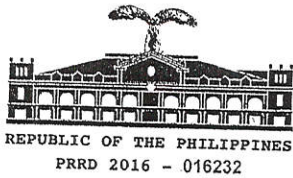
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*Rodrigo Roa Duterte*

RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE  
President of the Philippines

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ATTY. CONCEPCION Z. DE FERROLINO-ENAD  
DIRECTOR IV  
*11/15/2021*