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CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

No. 126-2019

To :
All Deputy Commissioners
All Directors and Division Chiefs
All District/ Port Collectors
All Other Concerned


Subject : Addendum to the Implementation of Customs Memorandum Circular 183-2018 entitled "Executive Order No. 61, Modifying The Rates of Import Duty on Certain Imported Articles in Order to Implement the Philippine Tariff Commitments Pursuant to the Free Trade Agreement Between the European Free Trade Association States and the Philippines"

In accordance with CMC 183-2018, all concerned are informed that the Systems Development Division (SDD) – Management Information System and Technology Group (MISTG) has updated the e2m system to include the following preferential codes:

Preferential Codes	Originating Country(ies)
EFTA	Iceland
EFTANO	Norway
EFTA CL	Switzerland/Liechtenstein

These preferential codes will implement the Philippine Tariff Commitments on both Agricultural and Non-agricultural products under Section 1 of Executive Order 61, s. 2018.

For your information and guidance.


REY LEONARDO B. GUERRERO
Commissioner
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CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 183-2018

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

Subject: EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 61 "MODIFYING THE RATES OF IMPORT DUTY ON CERTAIN IMPORTED ARTICLES IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE PHILIPPINE TARIFF COMMITMENTS PURSUANT TO THE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN FREE TRADE ASSOCIATION STATES AND THE PHILIPPINES"

Attached is the letter dated August 14, 2018, endorsing a certified copy of E.O. No. 61 modifying the rates of import duty of certain imported articles as provided for under the free trade agreement between the European Free Trade Association States and the Philippines

This Order was completely published in the Manila Bulletin last August 10, 2018.

This Order shall be in accordance with the provision on its entry into force under Article 14.5, paragraph 2 and 3.

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.

Isidro
ISIDRO S LAPEÑA, Phd, CSEE
Commissioner *IA*



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MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 61

MODIFYING THE RATES OF IMPORT DUTY ON CERTAIN IMPORTED ARTICLES IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE PHILIPPINE TARIFF COMMITMENTS PURSUANT TO THE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN FREE TRADE ASSOCIATION STATES AND THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) and the Philippines (PH) was signed on 28 April 2016 in Bern, Switzerland;

WHEREAS, the PH-EFTA FTA was ratified by the President on 08 December 2017;

WHEREAS, the Senate concurred in the ratification of the PH-EFTA FTA through Senate Resolution No. 93 on 05 March 2018;

WHEREAS, the PH-EFTA FTA covers trade in goods, services, investment, government procurement, intellectual property rights, competition and sustainable development, and applies to the trade and economic relations between the Philippines and the individual EFTA States;

WHEREAS, the PH-EFTA FTA provides that the Philippines shall, upon the FTA's entry into force, eliminate import duties and charges having equivalent effect on import duties on non-agricultural goods originating from an EFTA State, except as otherwise provided for in the Schedule of Tariff Commitments on Non-Agricultural products;

WHEREAS, the PH-EFTA FTA also provides that both Parties shall grant tariff concessions for agricultural goods originating from either Party as specified in the Schedules of Tariff Commitments on Agricultural Products;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1609 of Republic Act (RA) No. 10863, or the "Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA)," the President shall, upon the recommendation of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), modify import duties, including any necessary change in classification and other import

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restrictions as are required or appropriate to carry out and promote foreign trade with other countries;

WHEREAS, the NEDA Board, during its 25 April 2018 meeting, approved the Tariff Reduction Schedule on various products covered by the Schedules of Tariff Commitments under the PH-EFTA FTA;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Schedule of Tariff Commitments. The following Annexes shall be the Philippine Schedule of Tariff Commitments under the PH-EFTA FTA:

- a. Annex A – Philippine Schedule of Tariff Commitments on Agricultural Products originating from Switzerland/Liechtenstein;
- b. Annex B – Philippine Schedule of Tariff Commitments on Agricultural Products originating from Norway;
- c. Annex C – Philippine Schedule of Tariff Commitments on Agricultural Products originating from Iceland; and
- d. Annex D – Philippine Schedule of Tariff Commitments on Non-Agricultural Products originating from all the EFTA States.

SECTION 2. Applicable PH-EFTA FTA Rates. All articles listed in the Philippine Schedule of Tariff Commitments under Section 1 of this Order, classified in accordance with Sections 1610 and 1611 of the CMTA, shall be subject to the rates of import duties indicated in Columns 3 to 8 of Annexes A, B and C, and Columns 3 to 12 of Annex D.

All goods originating from the EFTA States, in accordance with the aforementioned Philippine Schedule of Tariff Commitments, entered into or withdrawn from warehouses or free zones in the Philippines for consumption or introduction to the customs territory, shall be levied the rates of duties prescribed therein, subject to the submission of an Origin Declaration, in compliance with the Rules of Origin under the PH-EFTA FTA.

The Tariff Commission may be requested to issue advance rulings on tariff classification of goods to confirm the applicable rates of duty of the particular goods which are the subject of this Order, consistent with Section 1100 of the CMTA.

SECTION 3. Applicability of the Most Favored Nation (MFN) Rate. Pursuant to the provisions of the PH-EFTA FTA and its annexes, the lower duty between the MFN rate and the applicable duty set out in the Philippine Schedule of Tariff Commitments under Section 1 of this Order, at the time of importation of relevant goods, shall prevail.

SECTION 4. Right of Recourse. Nothing in this Order shall preclude the

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Government of the Philippines from invoking its right of recourse to all trade remedy measures provided for in its laws, the PH-EFTA FTA, and other relevant international agreements in order to ensure the prevention of import surges or unfair trade practices.

SECTION 5. Repealing Clause. All previous issuances inconsistent with this Order are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.


SECTION 6. Separability Clause. In the event that any provision of this Order or any part thereof is declared invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, the provisions not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

SECTION 7. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately following its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this **2nd** day of **August** in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Eighteen.

R. Duterte


By the President:


SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA
Executive Secretary



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Sir/Madam: Good day. May we request information as to when EO 61 was published in newspaper of general circulation. Thank you po. Gladys C Cabugawan Chief, CRMD


September 21, 2018
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me

Good Day Ms Gladys,

Please be informed that Executive Order No. 61 was published at the Manila Bulletin last August 10 2018. Thank you.

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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24 October 2018



Memorandum

To : All Deputy Commissioner
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In accordance with the CMC 183 – 2018, please be informed that this office has implemented the EFTA rates provided in Section 1 Annex D of Executive Order 61 in the E2M system.

To avail of the rates, the preference code "EFTA" should be indicated in box 36 of the SAD upon lodgement of goods declaration.

Jeffrey Ian C. Dy 10/25/18
JEFFREY IAN C. DY 8:40am
Deputy Commissioner, MISTG

other hand, suggested that the Pathfinder approach can fast track the activity by allowing members with existing AEO programs to start the process of implementing the AEO-MRA first while the remaining AMS work towards implementation and join when they are ready in 2020.

Lastly, on the implementation of the WTO-TFA, AMS were asked on the specific provisions of the Agreement that member countries are having difficulty in implementing and would require technical assistance on. Also, AMS were asked whether a TFA National Committee have already been established in each of the member countries. It was reported that the Philippines still has no national Committee for the implementation of the TFA.

The AMS have been informed that the 27th meetings of the CPTFWG will be held on 29-31 October 2019, in Cambodia and the 28th Meeting will be held in Philippines on 17-19 March 2020.

Respectfully submitted.



ATTY. NOEMI ALCALA-GARCIA
Atty. IV, Legal Service

cc:

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Office of the IAG

External Affairs, IAG