



May 16, 2018

CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 97-2018


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

SUBJECT : Strict Implementation of IAC Executive Order 1016 of 2014 and CMO 64-2014

Attached is the letter of EFREN B. CARREON, CESO III, RDC Vice-Chairperson and NEDA Regional Director requesting the DENR Secretary to Urge DENR Regional Offices to Strictly Implement IAC Executive Order 1016 of 2014 and BOC CMO 64-2014 on the Prohibited and Regulated Products for Export Specifically Raw Rattan including Poles, and to ensure harmonized implementation of such across concerned government agencies.

For your information and guidance.

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

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Bureau of Customs
ISIDRO S. LAPEÑA
Commissioner
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COMMISSIONER ISIDRO S. LAPENA
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Dear Commissioner Lapeña;

This is to furnish the honorable Customs Commissioner, a copy of CV-RDC Resolution No. 15 (s. 2018) entitled, "Requesting the DENR Secretary to Urge DENR Regional Offices to Strictly Implement IAC Executive Order 1016 of 2014 and BOC CMO 64-2014 on the Prohibited and Regulated Products for Export Specifically Raw Rattan Including Poles, and to Ensure Harmonized Implementation of Such Across Concerned Government Agencies."

Any action by your esteemed agency on this matter will be appreciated.

2018-04-2188

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

EFREN B. CARREON, CESO III
RDC Vice-Chairperson and
NEDA Regional Director

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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF JOINT MEETING OF THE
 RDC FULL COUNCIL AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 HELD ON 16 MARCH 2018 IN CEBU CITY

RDC Resolution No. 15 (S. 2018)

“REQUESTING THE DENR SECRETARY TO URGE DENR REGIONAL OFFICES TO STRICTLY IMPLEMENT IAC EXECUTIVE ORDER 1016 OF 2014 AND BOC CMO 64-2014 ON THE PROHIBITED AND REGULATED PRODUCTS FOR EXPORT SPECIFICALLY RAW RATTAN INCLUDING POLES, AND TO ENSURE HARMONIZED IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH ACROSS CONCERNED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES”

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree 930 of May 1976, specifies raw rattan (including poles) as one of the products whose export is prohibited;

WHEREAS, raw rattan (including poles) has continued to be listed as one of the prohibited export products under laws and regulations issued from 1985 to 2014, specifically PD 930 IRR; Executive Order 1016 which created an Inter Agency Committee to review the list of such products under PD 930; Inter Agency Committee (IAC) Resolution No. 1 on EO 1016; and Bureau of Customs Memorandum Circular 64-2014;

WHEREAS, the IAC is chaired by the DTI, with DBM, NEDA, BSP, DOF as members; and the regulatory agencies are the DENR, and Bureau of Customs, with the Philippine Exporters Confederation Inc serving as the self-policing arm of its members;

WHEREAS, the DTI Regional Office and PhilExport-Cebu has brought to the attention of the RDC Economic Development Committee the need to address the issue of dwindling supply of raw rattan poles in Central Visayas which has affected the furniture manufacturing industry and its workers, and the reliability of the sector to service export orders of clients abroad;

WHEREAS, one of the main reasons for the dwindling supply of raw rattan poles in Central Visayas is that these materials which are sourced from Mindanao are exported outside the Philippines in circumvention of government regulations that ban such practice.

WHEREAS, the ban on exports of raw rattan has been circumvented by exporters that undertook minor modifications on the raw rattan poles to make these look like processed products in order to qualify these to be exported;

WHEREAS, the subjective interpretation of the definition of “raw rattan poles” by the different agencies (DENR Regional Offices, DENR-Forest





Management Bureau, Bureau of Customs and PhilExport) which are part of the frontline regulatory process in implementing the export ban on raw poles, contribute to the prevailing confusion regarding the classification of the slightly modified/processed rattan poles.

WHEREAS, the DENR-Forest Management Bureau issued in 2014 an interpretation on the definition of raw rattan poles as "although rattan poles are cooked or sun-dried these are not considered processed and finished unless these are transformed into manufactured products";

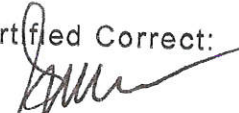
WHEREAS DENR Regional Offices have not uniformly adopted this interpretation, thus enabling exporters to circumvent the export ban with the Bureau of Customs;

NOW THEREFORE UPON MOTION DULY SECONDED, to request the DENR Secretary Roy Cimatu to urge DENR Regional Offices to strictly implement IAC Executive Order 1016 and BOC CMO 64-2014, and to ensure harmonized implementation of such using the DENR-FMB interpretation of 2014;

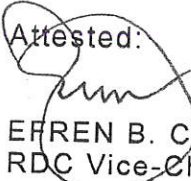
FURTHER RESOLVED, to request the IAC on EO 1016 to enforce this interpretation across concerned government agencies;

FINALLY RESOLVED, to furnish a copy of this resolution to the DENR-FMB, BOC, DBM, NEDA, DTI (EMB), BSP, DOF, and PhilExport.


Certified Correct:


DIONISIO C. LEDRES, JR.
RDC Secretary

Attested:


EFREN B. CARREON
RDC Vice-Chair

Approved:


KENNETH C. COBONPUE
RDC Co-Chair