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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE  
**BUREAU OF CUSTOMS**

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL DISTRICT/SUB - PORT COLLECTORS  
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM : ALBERTO D. LINA  
Commissioner

SUBJECT : USEPA Notice of Export of BENZENE and ETHENYLETHYL

DATE : 04 May 2015

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In view of the attached letters from the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) and the United States Environment Protection Agency (USEPA), with the same subject dated 27 April 2015 and 02 April 2015, respectively, you are hereby directed to inform the US exporters to notify USEPA when certain chemical substances or mixtures are being exported to another country specifically of the export chemical substances Benzene and Ethenylethyl from the Unites States.

For your information and guidance.

For strict compliance.

  
Alberto D. Lina  
Commissioner



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USEPA/BENZENE/ETHENYLETHYL



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OFFICE OF AMERICAN AFFAIRS


27 April 2015

**Subject:** USEPA Notice of Export of Benzene and Ethenylethyl

Dear Commissioner Lina,

We wish to furnish the Bureau of Customs a copy of the attached letter from the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), notifying the Philippine government of the export chemical substances Benzene and Ethenylethyl from the United States to the Philippines. The USEPA requires US exporters to notify USEPA when certain chemical substances or mixtures are being exported to another country.

Sincerely yours,

  
MARIA ANDRELITA S. AUSTRIA  
Assistant Secretary

COMMISSIONER ALBERTO D. LINA

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04/02/2015

HIS EXCELLENCY JOSE JR LAMPE CUISIA

EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
1600 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, NW  
Washington, DC 20036

Subject: Notice of Export of Benzene, ethenylethyl-  
Federal Register (FR) Notice(s) containing the regulation action - 76 FR 204 October 21, 2011

Dear Mr. Ambassador

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) is required by section 12(b) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) to notify importing governments when certain chemical substances or mixtures are exported from the United States. The exported chemical substances and mixtures required to be reported by exporters to the USEPA under section 12(b) are those that are subject to certain USEPA actions under TSCA. Once such an action is taken under TSCA, exporters must notify EPA of their export or intended export of each chemical or mixture subject to that action. While there may be more than one export of such a substance or mixture to your country, you are notified only of the first export or intended export of the chemical substance or mixture after the export notification requirement that is the subject of this letter came into force. See USEPA's TSCA section 12(b) regulations at Title 40, Part 707, subpart D of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), for details concerning the TSCA section 12(b) export notifications procedures.

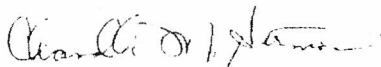
The USEPA has received a notice that the chemical substance or mixture that is the subject of this letter is being exported from the United States to your country. As noted above, such notices are required to be submitted to the USEPA under certain specified circumstances, including one in which a chemical substance or mixture becomes subject to a proposed or final Significant New Use Rule (SNUR) under section 5(a) of TSCA. On October 21, 2011, the USEPA has issued a Proposed SNUR which indicates the following health or environmental toxicity concerns for this chemical substance: Exposure based. The significant new uses as described in the FR are: Industrial, commercial, and consumer activities (Other (Any use in a consumer product; any use or combination of uses that is reasonably likely to expose 1,000 or more workers at a single corporate entity)). This SNUR would require persons who intend to manufacture (which includes import) or process the chemical substance or mixture that is the subject of this letter for a USEPA-designated significant new use to notify the USEPA at least 90 days before such activities commence. This required notice to the USEPA would provide the USEPA with the opportunity to evaluate the intended use and, if necessary, to prohibit or limit that activity before it occurs.

The pertinent Federal Register notice containing the proposed rule is provided above in the Subject line.

If you would like additional information concerning this proposed rule, please contact Chandler Sirmons, U.S Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (7407M), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington DC 20460; telephone: 202-564-1138; e-mail: sirmons.chandler@epa.gov.

Should you prefer that notices of this type be sent to an official or agency of your government other than you, please provide us with the appropriate name and address

Sincerely Yours,



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U.S. EPA, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT)  
Information Management Division/  
Records Docket and Management Branch (IMD/RDMB)

Enclosure(s)