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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS

February 29, 2016

CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 29-2016

TO: All Deputy Commissioners
All Directors / District and Port Collectors
All Chiefs of Divisions Concerned

SUBJECT: *e-cigarettes and e-liquids Subject to Import/Export/Transshipment
Commodity Clearance from the National Tobacco Administration*

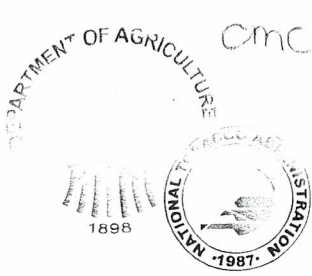
Attached is the letter dated February 17, 2016 of Administrator Edgardo D. Zaragoza, National Tobacco Administration, regarding inclusion of ***e-cigarettes and e-liquids*** in the list of tobacco related commodities which require Import / Export / Transshipment Commodity Clearance from their office.

For your information and guidance.

Please confirm the dissemination of this circular throughout your offices within fifteen (15) days from receipt hereof.


ALBERTO D. LINA
Commissioner

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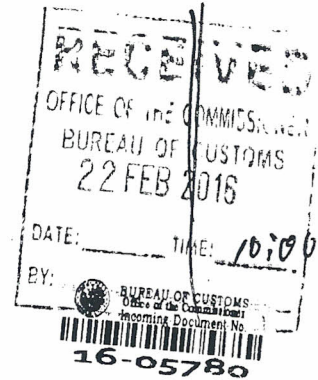
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Honorable **ALBERTO D. LINA**
Commissioner
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Dear *Commissioner Lina*:

The NTA has observed that the use of electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) in the Philippines has significantly increased for the past few years. Presently, e-cigarettes paraphernalia and liquid nicotine solutions (e-liquid) are being imported into the country without the necessary import commodity clearance and this clearly poses danger to the public from being exposed to its harmful effects.

In view of the above premises and in furtherance to the implementation of the NTA Rules and Regulations Governing the Importation/Exportation/Transshipment of Leaf Tobacco and Tobacco Products which was made integral part of the BOC's document processing system by virtue of BOC Memorandum Circular No. 02-2006 dated 04 January 2006, we would like to further request your good Office to include: 1) **e-cigarettes** and 2) **e-liquids** in the list of tobacco related commodities which require the issuance of Import/Export/Transshipment Commodity Clearance from the NTA.

As always, we trust the continuing support of the Honorable Commissioner on this request for the best interest of the public.

Please accept our warm regards.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

EDGARDO D. ZARAGOZA
Administrator and Vice-Chairman
NTA Governing Board