



**OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
ASSESSMENT AND OPERATIONS COORDINATING GROUP**

AOCG MEMORANDUM

NO. 041-2016

To : **DISTRICT COLLECTORS AND SUB-PORT COLLECTORS
CHIEF OF EXPORT COORDINATION DIVISION
CHIEFS OF EXPORT DIVISIONS AND UNITS
ALL CONCERNED**

From : **JUVY DANOFRATA**
OIC-Deputy Commissioner, AOCG

Re : Revised Guidelines in the Issuance of Certificate of Origin Form A under the EU Generalized System of Preference (AOCG Memorandum No. 033A-2016)

Date : 11 May 2016

Please be informed that Article 2 of the Guidelines in the Issuance of Certificate of Origin Form A under the EU Generalized System of Preference (AOCG Memorandum No. 033A-2016) is hereby revised to read as follows:

"XXX

2. The date in "Box 12" (Exporter Declaration) of the Certificate of Origin Form A must be **on or before** the date of shipment in the bill of lading/airway bill.

XXX"

All other provisions under AOCG Memorandum No. 033A-2016 not inconsistent herewith shall remain effective until further revoked, modified and amended.

For your strict compliance.


JUVY DANOFRATA
OIC - Deputy Commissioner



Manila, 10 May 2015
WvH/D(2016)

Dear Commissioner Alberto Lina,

Subject: **Guidelines Issuance Form A Certificate – AOCG 033A-2016**

Thank you for your office's assistance recently during the visit of EU's Directorate-General for Taxation and Customs Union (TAXUD).

The meetings were useful in clarifying the processes regarding EU's preferential trade arrangements.

DG TAXUD was also pleased with your office's follow-up on the Joint Mission Report, notably on the rules on retrospective issuance of Form As. Your memo dated 12 April 2016 (No 033A-2016) regarding 'guidelines in the issuance of Certificate of Origin Form A under the EU Generalised System of Preferences' is appreciated.

The memo, however, puts a de facto time delay by stating that the date on box 12 (Exporter Declaration) in the Certificate of Origin Form A must be **earlier than** the date of shipment in the bill of lading/ airway bill. While this is indeed as intended according to the EU regulation, that regulation does not specify this should be a full, separate, day. By interpreting the rules as such, express delivery services (who usually do both in one day, thus including Box 11 and Box 12) are faced with unnecessary delays.

Would you mind slightly amending your otherwise good memo by changing in Article 2 'earlier than' into 'on or before' the date of shipment? This way the above situation would be covered and you can still follow the order of things (but during the same day).

This is in line with the conclusions of the TAXUD mission, who welcome your good cooperation.

Yours Sincerely,

Franz Jessen
Ambassador

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