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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE  
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**OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** ALL DISTRICT & SUBPORT COLLECTORS  
ALL DEPUTY COLLECTORS FOR ASSESSMENT  
ALL FED DIVISION CHIEFS OR EQUIVALENT UNITS  
ALL CUSTOMS BROKERS  
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

**SUBJECT :** REITERATION OF CAO 8-2007, RE DESCRIPTION OF  
IMPORTED ARTICLES IN TARIFF TERMS

**DATE :** 20 OCTOBER 2017

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In the interest of the service, Customs Administrative Order No. 8-2007 dated 10 September 2010 on the Description of Imported Articles in Tariff Terms, as well as the implementing Customs Memorandum Order No. 28-2007, is hereby reiterated, with emphasis on the following convention:

**"V. The Convention:**

**1. Description of Articles**

The description of articles must be in sufficient detail to enable the articles to be identified for tariff classification, valuation and other statistical purposes including the following:

**1.1 General Description**

Pertains to the generic name or general name of the product, e.g. pump, engine, milk, bag, etc.

**1.2 Specific Description**

Pertains to the specific description of 1.1., e.g. centrifugal (for pump), diesel (for engine), skimmed (for milk), shoulder (for bag), etc.

**1.3 Make / Brand**

Refers to the brand name product e.g. Caterpillar, Nike, Gucci, Honda, etc.

**1.4 Model / Style**

The model number, style, reference and other reference e.g. "CRV 2007" for a Honda Civic car, model "Thinkpad 3000" for a Lenovo notebook, model "E90" for a Nokia cellular phone, etc.

**1.5 Capacity / Quality / Grade / Process**

The capacity, output, horsepower or other indication of size and performance, among others of the product e.g. 200 h.p., 10 kw, 120 watts rms, etc.; of the description of quality, grade specification or applicable standard e.g. technical grade 95%, JIS G 310 1/87 SS 41. Etc.; or process by which the product is manufactured e.g. suspension, emulsion, dispersion, etc.

**1.6 Retail Packaging**

This pertains to the detailed packaging or measure within the unit used, e.g. 12x1L bottles, 24x300 oz cans, 150 kg bags, etc.

If said details are not provided for the invoice, an accompanying inspection report with the above details must be submitted as part of the working copy of the entry.

**2. Motor Vehicles**

2.1 For Motor vehicles, the specific description shall be in accordance with the illustrative example:

2.1.1	Make	Nissan QX4
2.1.2	Series	Infinity
2.1.3	Body Type	Wagon
2.1.4	Year Model	2006
2.1.5	Gross Weight	3600 Kilos
2.1.6	Net Weight	1800 Kilos
2.1.7	Piston Displacement	3,500 cc
2.1.8	No. of Cylinder	6 Cylinders
2.1.9	Engine No.	VK 45(DE) 4494
2.1.10	Chassis No.	JNRBS08W25X402113
2.1.11	VIN No.	X X X X X X
2.1.12	Fuel	Gas

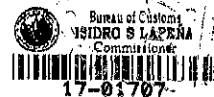
**Note 1:** Data on engine and chassis / VIN number shall be supported by stencil prints to validate the findings of the examiner.

**Note 2:** It shall be the responsibility of the official signatories of the certificate of payment to ensure compliance with the above requirements.

2.2 For Chamber of Manufacturers of the Philippines (CAMPI) members, packing list should indicate the respective chassis and engine numbers."

In line with this, you are hereby directed to strictly implement the proper description of imported goods for declaration, statistical and other purposes pursuant to CAO 8-2007 and CMO 28-2007.

For strict compliance.

  
**ISIDRO S. LAPEÑA, PhD, CSEE**  
 Commissioner


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