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## MEMORANDUM

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

**FROM :** ATTY. EDWARD JAMES A. DY BUÑO  
Deputy Commissioner, AOCG

**SUBJECT :** GUIDANCE ON THE IMPORTATION OF COPPER SLAG BY  
CEMENT MANUFACTURERS

**DATE :** 08 November 2022

This is with reference to the attached Letter reply dated 07 November 2022 with attachment from Engr. William P. Cuñado, Director, Environmental Management Bureau, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (EMB-DENR) addressed to Mr. Koichiro Ono, Director/General Manager, Sumitomo Corporation of the Philippines (SUMITOMO) relative to the latter's letter dated 28 September 2022 (IIS Transaction No. CO-2022-038047) seeking guidance on the importation of copper slag by cement manufacturers:

EMB-DENR set forth in the said letter-reply the answers to the questions presented by SUMITOMO which are related to the checklist of the requirements and processes in securing an Import Clearance (IC) for the Importation of Copper Slag.

Please be guided accordingly.

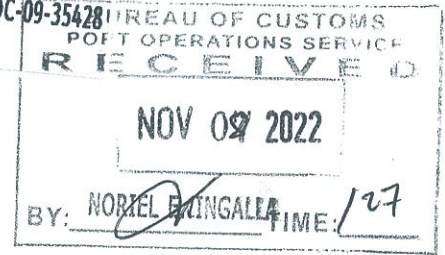
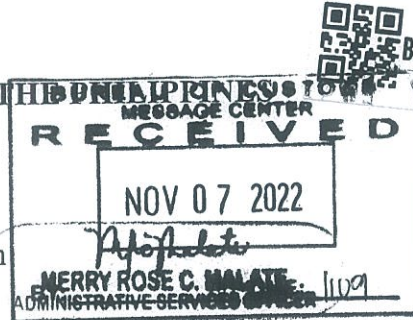
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Subject: **GUIDANCE ON THE IMPORTATION OF COPPER SLAG BY CEMENT MANUFACTURERS**

Dear Mr. Ono:

This has reference to your letter (IIS Transaction No.: CO-2022-038047) dated 28 September 2022 regarding the importation of copper slag by cement manufacturers.

In this regard, please refer below for our response (in *Italic font*) per inquiry quoted in the above-mentioned letter.

1. What are the process for importation of copper slag from Japan to cement manufacturer in the Philippines?

*The Importer (cement manufacturer) of copper slag is required to register thru the Online Permitting and Monitoring System (OPMS) and once approved an Importation Clearance (IC) must be secured from this Office. The application for IC should be submitted thru OPMS for at least thirty (30) working days prior to the actual importation.*

2. If the copper slag will be consumed 100%, are cement manufacturers allowed to import?

*Issuance of IC for the shipment of copper slag that had undergone preprocessing in the State of Export to turn it into a product for various industrial usage like additive or raw material in cement manufacturing is not under the purview of DENR-EMB.*

3. What are the requirements and documentation needed in order to secure Import Clearance from DENR?

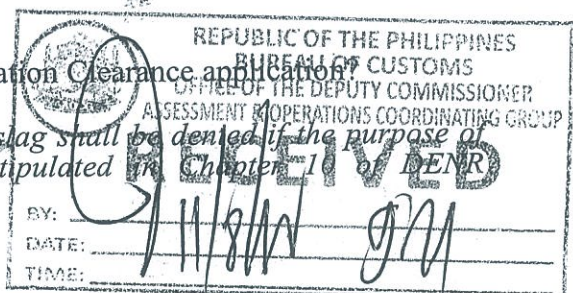
*Please see attached Checklist of Requirements for Importation Clearance application.*

4. How many days is the processing of Importation Clearance?

*Based on our Citizen's Charter, the processing time for IC application is twenty (20) working days upon completion of requirements.*

5. What are the possible causes of denial of Importation Clearance application?

*Any IC application for the shipment of copper slag shall be denied if the purpose of importation is not for further refining as stipulated in Chapter 1 of DENR*





*Administrative Order (DAO) No. 2013-22: Revised Procedures and Standards for the Management of Hazardous Wastes (Revising DAO 2004-36).*

6. What is the maximum quantity that can be imported as sample?

*The quantity or volume of copper slag sample to be imported should be sufficient and justifiable for production testing purposes.*

For commercial side, is there a limit for allowable quantity that can be imported?

*The quantity or volume of copper slag to be imported for commercial purposes shall depend on the capacity of the Importer to recycle/recover such recyclable material based on the issued Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC).*

We hope we have guided you accordingly.

Very truly yours,

  
**ENGR. WILLIAM P. CUÑADO**  
Director

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Environment and Natural Resources, C=

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Bureau of Customs  
Port Area, Manila





## IMPORTATION CLEARANCE

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of Importer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. No./Fax No.: \_\_\_\_\_

DENR Importer Registry \_\_\_\_\_

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Checklist of Information Requirements

- 1. Official Letter of Request
- 2. Duly notarized affidavit attesting to the truth, accuracy and genuineness of all information, documents and records contained and attached in the application form
- 3. Accomplished Application Form
- 4. Pollution Control Officer accreditation certificate
- 5. Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC)
- 6. Permits to Operate
  - Air Emission Source Installation
  - Wastewater Treatment Facilities
- 7. Notification/Consent of Exporting Country (if E-waste)
- 8. Registered/Accredited Recycler
  - DENR ID No.
- 9. Insurance (shipment)
- 10. Purchase Order
- 11. Last Bill of Lading (renewal)
- 12. Movement Document (if applicable)
- 13. Affidavit of Joint Undertaking of Exporter/Importer
- 14. Photograph(s) of the warehouse/facility showing proper storage and labeling (Sec. 6 of DAO 2013-22) of the imported recyclable materials
- 15. Registered Treatment, Storage and Disposal (TSD) facility [if Importer will hold recyclable materials containing hazardous substances for period exceeding thirty (30) days]
- 16. Emergency contingency plan

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Records Section,

Please receive the attached transport permit application of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
STAFF, HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT SECTION