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AOCG Memo No. 38-2022

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM : ATTY. EDWARD JAMES A. DY BUCO
Deputy Commissioner *ll.*
Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group

SUBJECT : ACCEPTANCE OF SCANNED COPIES OF CERTIFICATES
OF ORIGIN (COs) AS A SPECIAL MEASURE UNDER
VARIOUS FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS AMIDST THE
COVID-19 PANDEMIC

DATE : February 3, 2022

With reference to the above-mentioned subject, taking into consideration the mobility restrictions still being faced by the stakeholders in the Philippines and its FTA partners, please be informed that acceptance of scanned copies of COs under various free trade agreements are still in effect.

Relative thereto, the BOC will only accept the said copies provided that the original copies will be submitted not later than thirty (30) days from the date of importation.

For information.

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3 January 2022

Atty. Edward James A. Dy-Buco
Deputy Commissioner
Assessment and Operations Coordination Group
Bureau of Customs
South Harbor, Port Area, Manila

Subject: Request for updates on the Philippines' acceptance of scanned copies of Proof of Origin as special measure under ASEAN and ASEAN+1 FTAs due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic

Dear Deputy Commissioner Dy-Buco,

First, we wish to thank the Bureau of Customs for confirming the acceptance of scanned copies of Origin Declaration under the ATIGA, with the condition that original copies will be submitted 30 days after the date of importation. The Bureau has conveyed the said arrangement to ASEAN Member States during the 37th SC-AROO Meeting held last November 2021.

Referring to the DTI-BITR letter dated 07 October 2021 (see attached), we respectfully follow-up on our request for updates on the current arrangements for the acceptance of scanned copies of Certificates of Origin (COs) under ATIGA and other ASEAN+1 FTAs (i.e. number of days on which the original copies of COs are required to be submitted to BOC, whether 30 days or 3 days after importation). Due to mobility restrictions that are still faced by stakeholders in the Philippines and our FTA Partners, the Bureau reiterates our recommendation to maintain the 30-day arrangement. 3

Noting that the Bureau is unable to convey the Philippines' position on this matter until BOC confirms the current arrangement, we would appreciate receiving your feedback at the soonest or by 7 January 2022, Friday.

Should you have questions and/or clarifications, please directly coordinate with Ms. Ma. Monica M. De Guzman (MaMonicaDeGuzman@dti.gov.ph) or Ms. Kiezel T. Gendrano (KiezelGendrano@dti.gov.ph).

Thank you for your usual support and cooperation.

Sincerely,


Angelo Salvador M. Benedictos
Director

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