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## MEMORANDUM

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

**FROM :** *[Signature]*  
ATTY. EDWARD JAMES A. DY BUCO  
Deputy Commissioner, AOCG

**SUBJECT :** IMPORTATION OF EMPTY MEDICAL GRADE OXYGEN TANKS AND  
CYLINDERS WITH OR WITHOUT VALVES

**DATE :** 12 August 2021

With reference to the attached letter dated 06 August 2021 from Director Neil P. Catajay, Bureau of Philippine Standards, Department of Trade and Industry (BPS-DTI), please be informed that the importation of **Empty Medical Grade Oxygen Tanks and Cylinders with or without valves is not covered by the BPS mandatory product certification**. Thus, an application for a Philippine Standard (PS) Quality and/or Safety Certification Mark or Import Commodity Clearance (ICC) is not required prior to selling or distribution.

Please be guided accordingly.

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06 August 2021

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Dear Atty. Dy Buco:

This has reference to the importation of **Empty Medical Grade Oxygen Tanks and Cylinders with or without Valves** wherein clearance from the Bureau of Philippine Standards (BPS) is being required by your office from importers of the said product.

Please be informed that the aforementioned product is **not covered** by the BPS mandatory product certification. Thus, an application for a Philippine Standard (PS) Quality and/or Safety Certification Mark or Import Commodity Clearance (ICC) is not required prior to selling or distribution.

In view thereof, may we respectfully request for assistance from your good office in disseminating this information to your respective examiners in all ports of entry that a certification from BPS is not required prior to the release of the said product from BOC custody.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

**NEIL P. CATAJAY**  
Director

Noted by:

**ATTY. RUTH B. CASTELO**  
Undersecretary, DTI-CPG

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