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**CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
NO. 60-2014

**TO:** All Deputy Commissioners  
All Directors & Chiefs  
All District/Port Collectors  
And Others Concerned

**SUBJECT: Importation of Lead Acid Batteries**

Attached is the letter dated March 31, 2014 of Atty. Juan Miguel T. Cuna, CESO IV, Director, Environmental Management Bureau, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), relative to the importation of Lead Acid Batteries.

Second paragraph thereof states:

“Please be informed that **Lead Acid battery** is considered an article, which is material that is manufactured in a specific shape or designed for specific application and the design is maintained as an essential feature of the finished product. In this regard, lead acid battery is ready for commercial distribution and not considered as chemical substances as defined under R.A. 6969 and its implementing Rules and Regulations (DAO 92-29). Thus, importation of **Lead Acid batteries** is not regulated under Chemical Control Order for Lead and Lead Compounds under DENR Administrative Order No. 2013-24. The importers may coordinate and secure the necessary permit for these batteries from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of the Department of Health (DOH).”

For your information and guidance.

Please confirm the dissemination of this circular throughout your offices within fifteen (15) days from receipt hereof.

**MYRNA S. CHUA**  
Deputy Commissioner  
Internal Administration Group

cc: Commissioner of Customs



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**MR. JOHN SEVILLA**  
 Commissioner  
**BUREAU OF CUSTOMS**  
 Port Area, Manila

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Dear **Commissioner Sevilla**:

This refers to the importation of Lead Acid batteries wherein importers are being referred to our Office by the Bureau of Customs (BOC).

Please be informed that **Lead Acid battery** is considered an article, which is material that is manufactured in a specific shape or designed for specific application and the design is maintained as an essential feature of the finished product. In this regard, lead acid battery is ready for commercial distribution and not considered as chemical substances as defined under R.A. 6969 and its implementing Rules and Regulations (DAO 92-29). Thus, importation of **Lead Acid batteries** is not regulated under Chemical Control Order for Lead and Lead Compounds under DENR Administrative Order No. 2013-24. The importers may coordinate and secure the necessary permit for these batteries from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of the Department of Health (DOH).

Please be guided accordingly.

Very truly yours,

  
**ATTY. JUAN MIGUEL T. CUNA, CESO IV**  
 Director

cc: Major Nicomedez Enad  
 District Commander Port of Manila