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Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Finance  
**BUREAU OF CUSTOMS**  
1099 Manila

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** ALL DISTRICT COLLECTORS

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

**SUBJECT :** **Data on Number of Balikbayan Boxes from UAE**

**DATE :** October 15, 2018

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As per attached letter of Charmaine Mignon S. Yalong, Commercial Attaché, Philippine Trade and Investment Center, dated 10 October 2018, PTIC in Dubai is currently assisting the League of Freight Forwarders, an organization of Freight Forwarders servicing Filipinos in the United Arab Emirates.

One of the proposed projects of the association is the Freight Forwarder Group Insurance which aims to provide a customized group policy for the League of Freight Forwarders. To provide basis for its proposal the insurance provider is requesting for industry data on **Balikbayan** shipments from UAE to the Philippines.

In the view of the above, PTIC is requesting for data on the Number and Total Weight of Balikbayan Boxes from UAE (categorizes per Emirate) to the Philippines for the year 2016 – 2017 and latest available 2018 figures.

For immediate compliance.

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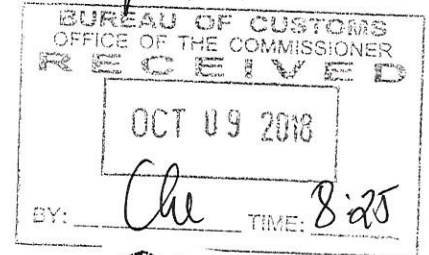


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10 October 2018



ISIDRO S. LAPEÑA  
Commissioner  
Bureau of Customs  
G/F OCOM Building, 16th Street,  
South Harbor, Port Area, Manila



Dear Commissioner Lapeña:

We are pleased to inform the Bureau of Customs that the Philippine Trade and Investment Center in Dubai is currently assisting the League of Freight Forwarders, an organization of freight forwarders servicing Filipinos in the United Arab Emirates, which will be launched 17 October 2017 under the auspices of the Philippine Business Council (PBC) - Dubai and Northern Emirates.

One of the proposed projects of the association is the Freight Forwarder Group Insurance which aims to provide a customized group policy for the PBC - League of Freight Forwarders. To provide basis for its proposal, the insurance provider is requesting for industry data on *balikbayan* shipments from UAE to the Philippines.

In view of the above, we respectfully request the Bureau of Customs for data on the following:

1. Number of *balikbayan* boxes from UAE (categorized per Emirate) to the Philippines for the years 2016-2017 and latest available 2018 figures
2. Total weight of *balikbayan* boxes shipped from UAE (categorized per Emirate) to the Philippines for the years for 2016-2017 and latest available 2018 figures

The Bureau of Customs' kind assistance on this request would be highly appreciated. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

CHARMAINE MIGNON S. YALONG  
Commercial Attaché

