

May 6, 2014

CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. ____ 60 - 20 4

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.

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Deputy Commissioner Internal Administration Group

cc: Commissioner of Customs