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To: All District Collectors

**All Heads of Assessment or Formal Entry Divisions, including
Warehousing Assessment Division**

All Customs staff exercising assessment functions

Subject: Philippine Standard Quality Mark License

1. This Customs Memorandum Circular supplements CMC 19-2014 on DTI's list of Products under Mandatory Certification by the Bureau of Philippine Standards (formerly known as Bureau of Product Standards). You are reminded that as per DTI Department Administrative Order No. 5 Series of 2008, importers of products covered by the mandatory Bureau of Product Standards product certification are required to apply for, and obtain, BPS product certification. The list of products covered by mandatory product certification is attached to CMC 19-2014 and is available on the BOC website.
2. No examiner, appraiser, Customs Operating Officer III, Customs Operating Officer V, or anyone acting in any of these capacities shall release any imports of products covered by mandatory product certification, regardless of whether these are for consumption, warehousing, or transshipment, without the required ICC Certificate, Conditional Release, Certificate of Exemption, or Philippine Standard Quality Mark License, in each case issued by the Bureau of Product Standards.
3. Unlike the ICC Certificate, Conditional Release, or Certificate of Exemption, which the BPS issues for individual shipments, the Philippine Standard Quality Mark License is issued to foreign manufacturers of specific products. Each Philippine Standard Quality Mark License shows the following information: (these are highlighted in the attached sample License)
 - a. The name and address of the manufacturer, including the specific plant where the product was manufactured.
 - b. The date until which the License is valid
 - c. The product(s), including brand name
 - d. The model number(s)

It is not importer-specific. This means that the same License can be used by multiple importers for multiple transactions, without limit, as long as the products being imported are covered by the License, and while the License is still valid. If an importer or broker presents a valid Philippine Standard Quality Mark License for products covered by that license, then it no longer needs to submit either an ICC Certificate, Conditional Release, or Certificate of Exemption.

