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MEMORANDUM

FOR: **ALL PORT DISTRICT COLLECTORS, SUPPORT COLLECTORS
CHIEF, FORMAL ENTRY DIVISIONS, APPRAISERS AND
EXAMINERS**

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SUBJECT: **Implementation of Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion
Act (TRAIN)**

DATE: 29 December 2017

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1.0. References

- 1.1. Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion Act (TRAIN)
- 1.2. Section 403, CMTA

2.0. Background

- 2.1.1. On 19 December 2017, President Rodrigo Duterte signed into law the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion Act (TRAIN).
- 2.1.2. The TRAIN measure lowers income taxes but it raises the duties and taxes on imported fuel, cars, coal, and sweetened drinks.

3.0. Discussion

- 3.1. Following the effectivity of the TRAIN Act, for uniform interpretation and application of the said law, the implementing rules and regulations will eventually be issued. Accordingly the covered importations shall then be assessed based on the provisions of the TRAIN and the corresponding regulations to be issued.
- 3.2. However, pending the issuance of the Implementing Rules and Regulations on the tax reform measure, all district collectors and support collectors are directed to assess the covered importations,

except fuel products under provisional assessment and conditional release in the meantime, in accordance with Section 403 of the CMTA were the goods shall be conditionally released subject to final liquidation.

3.3. For information and guidance.