



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE  
**BUREAU OF CUSTOMS**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** ALL DISTRICT COLLECTORS, DEPUTY COLLECTORS  
SUB-PORT COLLECTORS, PRINCIPAL APPRAISERS  
AND EXAMINERS  
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

**SUBJECT :** Clearance for Soda Ash (TH 2836.20.00) and Titanium  
Dioxide (TH 3206.11.10)

**DATE :** 20 October 2016

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You are hereby directed to observe correct and proper valuation of all importations of **SODA ASH (TH 2836.20.00)** and **TITANIUM DIOXIDE (TH 3206.11.10)**. Further, no importation of Soda Ash and Titanium Dioxide shall be processed or released without securing Clearance from the Import and Assessment Service (IAS).

This directive shall take effect starting November 1, 2016.

For strict compliance.

**NICANOR E. FAELDON**  
Commissioner



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## OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

**I. SODA ASH**      Tariff Heading 2836.2000 1% - 0%      C.O. ACFTA

From: China Value ranges from 0.08K USD to 0.23K USD

Legitimate/Reliable importers/manufacturers:

- Asia Brewery 0.19K USD
- Himmel Industries 0.22K USD
- ACG Flat Glass 0.19K USD
- Connel Bros. Co. Pilipinas 0.17K USD to 0.19K USD

Value ranges 0.17K USD to 23K USD

One company, Arvin International Marketing has a declared value at 0.11K USD from January to August 2016, except one importation on February 15, 2016 at 0.13K USD, hence there is doubt on the 0.11K USD.

Other companies with 0.11K USD – Cebu Far Eastern Corp.; 0.10K USD to 0.11K USD – Jlyn Industrial Corp.

For other countries: 0.56 to 0.76 – Japan

Recommendation: To be included in the VRIS with SMS and the DTI with C.O. from China, as sources of information and data. Mostly in big volume importations. In the meantime be subjected to IAS clearance.

**II. OTHER ACRYLIC POLYMERS**      3906.90.99 7% - 0% w/ C.O. ACFTA

China and Taiwan 0.80K USD to 1.54K USD

Legitimate – 1.12K USD to 1.54K USD

Value based in quality and specific description

Recommendation: All shipments below 1.12K USD be subjected to IAS clearance.

**III. TITANIUM DIOXIDE**      3206.11.10 3% - 0%

Value ranges – Legitimate importers

1.55K USD to 1.91K USD to 2.48K USD – China

Other Importers with declared value less than 1.55K USD:

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- Abundance Yield Trading 0.51K USD China; 0.51 Australia
- Awin International 0.50K USD China
- Dicembase Trading 0.71K
- Palvis Trading 0.86K USD; 0.92K USD
- Golden Shade Trading 1.00K USD
- Greenbacks Trading 0.80K USD
- Double Infinity World 0.7225K USD to 0.92K USD
- Marvelous Seven Inc.
- R.E.N.Z.R. Enterprises
- Labpez Marketing
- Gilvan Packaging
- Silver Pinnacle Enterprises
- Kin-Ga Ex-Import International Trading Ltd. Co.

**Recommendation:**

1. To be included for VRIS.
2. For the meantime, importers with less than 1.55K USD declaration be subjected to IAS clearance.
3. Importers with declared value per record of 1.00 USD and below are mentioned in the letter, henceforth be subjected to risk profiling and subsequent shipment be held in abeyance the release.

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