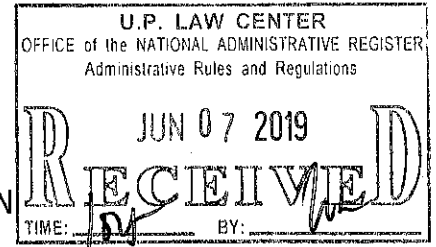




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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE  
**BUREAU OF CUSTOMS**



**INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION GROUP**  
CENTRAL RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION

June 04, 2019

**The Director**

Office of the National Administrative Register (ONAR)  
UP Law Center Diliman, Quezon City

Sir/Ma'am:


Transmitted are three certified true copies and soft copy (word format in compact disc rewritable) of the following Customs Memorandum Order, to wit:

**CMO 25-2019: GUIDELINES ON THE ENTRY/OR IMPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (NEUTRALIZED PHOSPHOGYPSUM AND WASTE PHOSPHOGYPSUM) INTO THE COUNTRY.**

**CAO 06-2019: REGISTRATION OF THIRD PARTIES DEALING WITH THE BUREAU.**

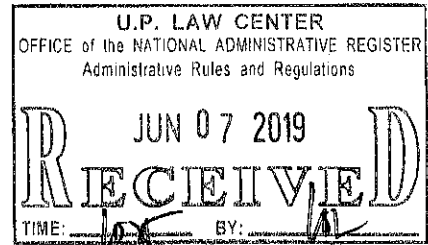
**CAO 07-2019: PRE-LODGEMENT CONTROL ORDER AND ALERT ORDER.**

Very truly yours,

  
GLADYS C. CABUGAWAN  
Chief, CRMD



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Finance  
Bureau of Customs  
1099 Manila



30 May 2019

**CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM ORDER**  
NO. 25 2019

To: All Deputy Commissioners  
All District/Port Collectors  
All Deputy Collectors for Operations  
All Chiefs, Law Division  
All Others Concerned

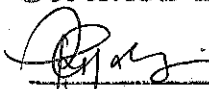
Subject: **GUIDELINES ON THE ENTRY AND/OR IMPORTATION OF  
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (NEUTRALIZED PHOSPHOGYPSUM  
AND WASTE PHOSPHOGYPSUM) INTO THE COUNTRY**

It is the policy of the State to regulate, restrict or prohibit the importation, manufacture, processing, sale, distribution, use and disposal of chemical substances and mixtures that present unreasonable risk and/or injury to health or the environment; to prohibit the entry, even in transit, of hazardous and nuclear wastes and their disposal into the Philippine territorial limits for whatever purpose; and to provide advancement and facilitate research and studies on toxic chemicals.<sup>1</sup>

The Bureau of Customs (BOC) has tightened the monitoring and enforcement of rules to protect the country from the entry and/or importation of hazardous materials to both human and the environment in compliance with the provisions of RA 6969, known as the Toxic Substances and Hazardous and Nuclear Wastes Control Act of 1990, and the Department of Environment Natural Resources (DENR) Administrative Order No. 22, series of 2013.<sup>2</sup>

On 2 May 2019, the BOC issued Customs Memorandum Order (CMO) No. 21-2019, ordering that all shipments containing neutralized phosphogypsum shall not be allowed entry and shall be shipped back to the port of origin by the importer or shipper.

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Raquel G. De Jesus  
SVC/OO

<sup>1</sup>Declaration of Policy, R.A. 6969, known as the "Toxic Substances and Hazardous and Nuclear Wastes Control Act of 1990."

<sup>2</sup>Revised Procedures and Standards for the Management of Hazardous Wastes (Revising DAO, 2004-36).

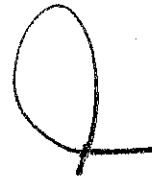
In a letter dated 23 May 2019, the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) of the DENR, issued a clarification on the importation of **neutralized phosphogypsum** and **waste phosphogypsum**, viz:

"We would like to clarify that importation of **processed/neutralized phosphogypsum** already a product and processed to specifications for use of the cement industry prior to entry into the Philippines, is no longer under the purview of RA 6969, Toxic Substances and Hazardous and Nuclear Wastes Control Act. What is prohibited under RA 6969 is the importation of **waste phosphogypsum**, a waste not listed in Chapter 10 of DENR Administrative Order No. 22 Series of 2013, Revised Procedures and Standards for the Management of Hazardous Wastes."

In this regard, you are hereby directed to comply with said EMB's clarification and to enhance coordination with the DENR in the validation of the nature and character of any hazardous materials entering into the country. You are further directed to secure the necessary certification from the EMB before issuing any order to ship the goods back to the port of origin or to release the same.

All orders that are inconsistent hereto are accordingly superseded and or revoked.

For your immediate and strict compliance.



**REY LEONARDO B. GUERRERO**

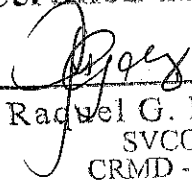
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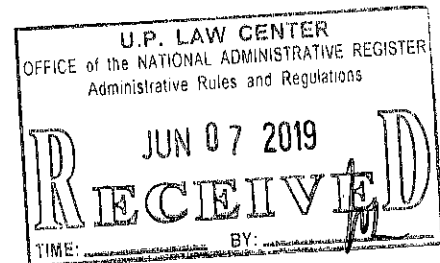


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