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**CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**

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To: The Assistant Commissioner  
All Deputy Commissioners  
All Directors and Division Chiefs  
All District/Port Collectors  
All Others Concerned

**SUBJECT: Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Clearance of Ventilators, Respirators and Accessories**

Attached is the letter of Undersecretary Rolando Enrique D. Domingo of Food and Drug Administration dated 23 March 2020 with subject: Release of ventilators, respirators and their respective accessories to be used in the treatment of COVID-19 patients.

On the other hand, ventilators, respirators and their respective accessories imported to the country for commercial purposes importers must present only a copy of their License to Operate (LTO) while foreign donations of ventilators, respirators and their respective accessories to be used in the treatment of COVID-19 patients need not to require FDA clearance prior to customs release.

For your information and guidance.

For records purposes, please confirm the dissemination of this Circular throughout your offices within fifteen (15) days from receipt thereof.

**REY LEONARDO B. GUERRERO**

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Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Health  
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



23 March 2020

**REY LEONARDO B. GUERRERO**  
Commissioner  
Bureau of Customs  
G/F OCOM Building, 16th Street, South Harbor, Port Area, Manila

**Subject: FDA Clearance of Ventilators, Respirators and Accessories**

Dear Commissioner Guerrero,

In light of the present public health emergency due to COVID-19, certain medical devices which are essential in responding to the pandemic are being imported to the country.

Among the medical devices being imported are ventilators, respirators and their respective accessories. These medical devices are essential in treating patients infected with the COVID-19.

To expedite the customs release of ventilators, respirators and their respective accessories to be used in the treatment of COVID-19 patients, the BOC is advised to implement the following measures:


For ventilators, respirators and their respective accessories which are imported to the country for commercial purposes, importers thereof need only to present their copies of their License to Operate (LTO).

On the other hand, foreign donations of ventilators, respirators and their respective accessories to be used in the treatment of COVID-19 patients need not require FDA clearance prior customs release.

We hope that the measures being introduced would expedite the customs release of ventilators, respirators and their respective accessories which are vital in responding to the threat of COVID-19.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

  
**ROLANDO ENRIQUE D. DOMINGO, MD**  
Director General

