MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL DISTRICT AND SUB-PORT COLLECTORS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM : REY LEONARDO B. GUERRERO
Commissioner

SUBJECT : ACCEPTANCE OF PHILIPPINE FTA PARTNERS OF
ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF EXPORT DOCUMENTS FOR
CUSTOMS CLEARANCE AT COUNTRY OF DESTINATION

DATE : June 29, 2020

1. In the spirit of trade facilitation during this COVID-19 pandemic and to implement
the reciprocity rule in the submission of scanned copies of Certificates of Origin,
please be informed that all Philippine Free Trade Agreement (FTA) partners,
except India and Japan for the Philippine-Japan Economic Partnership
Agreement (PJ EPA) have accepted the request of the Philippines to allow our
exporters to submit scanned copies of commercial documents, including
Certificates of Origin, for customs clearance at the country of destination.

2. In view of the foregoing, all stakeholders and offices concerned are hereby directed
to observe the guidelines stated in OCOM Memorandum No. 82-2020 dated 07
April 2020 (Annex A) on the Online Submission of Documents for Export
Processing, particularly Section 5.2.3 (f) thereof on the Issuance of Certificate of
Origin bound for the aforementioned Philippine FTA partners.

3. For your reference, attached herewith is the complete list (Annex B) of the
Philippine FTA Partners' feedback together with their condition/s relative to the
submission of scanned copy of Certificates of Origin.

4. For strict compliance.
04 June 2020

REY LEONARDO B. GUERRERO
Commissioner
Bureau of Customs
G/F OCO Building, 16th Street, South Harbor
Port Area, Manila 1099

Attention: Deputy Commissioner Edward James Dy-Buco
Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group

Subject: Response of Free Trade Agreement (FTA) Partners to the
Philippines' Request for the Acceptance of Scanned
Copies of Commercial Documents such as Certificates
of Origin for Customs Clearance

Dear Commissioner Guerrero,

We are pleased to inform you that all of the Philippines' ASEAN-related FTA Partners (except India) and Japan for the Philippines-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (PJEEPA) have accepted our request to allow scanned copies of commercial documents, including Certificates of Origin, for customs clearance amidst the COVID-19 situation in the Philippines.

With this, we respectfully request the BOC to undertake appropriate actions, including the preparation of necessary customs issuance, to implement the measure. Attached for reference is the summary of the FTA Partners' feedback as well as the requisite condition/s relative to submission of scanned commercial documents.

For questions and/or clarifications, please directly coordinate with Ms. Ma. Monica A. Mamoyac through (e) MaMonicaMamoyac@dti.gov.ph or (l) 8465-3300 local 420.

Thank you for the usual support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Assistant Secretary

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Attachments: a/s

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### Summary of FTA Partners Response on PH Request to Accept Scanned Copies of Commercial Documents  
(as of 02 June 2020)

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<td>ATIGA, AANZFTA, ACFTA, AIFTA, AJCEP, AKFTA</td>
<td>Form D, Form AANZ, Form E, Form Al, Form AJ, Form AK</td>
<td>Acceptable subject to submission of original copy within a month after clearance of the goods.</td>
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<td>Form D, Form AANZ, Form E, Form Al, Form AJ, Form AK</td>
<td>Acceptable subject to submission of original copy within 45 days after clearance of the goods and provided that the CO may be verified electronically, or other means.</td>
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<td>Form D, Form AANZ, Form E, Form Al, Form AJ, Form AK</td>
<td>Acceptable provided that the scanned documents are colored / not monochrome and that the original copy is submitted within a month after clearance of the goods. This measure will remain in effect until 30 September 2020.</td>
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<td>Form D, Form AANZ, Form E, Form Al, Form AJ, Form AK</td>
<td>Acceptable provided that the original copy is submitted 30 days after the lifting of the Movement Control Order (MCO) in Malaysia.</td>
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