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NO. 86-2021

**TO :** All Deputy Commissioners  
All Service Directors  
All District/Port Collectors  
All Chiefs, Formal Entry Division or Equivalent Unit  
All Others Concerned

**SUBJECT :** CLARIFICATION ON THE REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT AN AUTHENTICATED CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN (CO) FOR IMPORTERS OF MOTOR VEHICLES FROM COUNTRIES EXEMPTED FROM THE IMPOSITION OF THE PROVISIONAL SAFEGUARD DUTY UNDER DAO 20-11

**DATE :** April 15, 2021

Forwarding the herein attached letter dated March 12, 2021 from Atty. Luis M. Catibayan, Director, BIS-DTI, clarifying that authenticated Certificate of Origins (COs) issued to claim preferential tariffs are sufficient proof of origin to meet the requirements for exemption from the provisional safeguard duty.

Thus, only importers of passenger car/vehicles and light motor vehicles from a country that is exempt from the safeguard duty and not covered by preferential tariffs shall submit a CO issued by the authorized agency/office in the source country of manufacture, subject to affixation of "Apostille" to the document or authentication by the Philippine Embassy/Consulate General, as applicable.

For appropriate action.

**REY LEONARDO B. GUERRERO**

Commissioner

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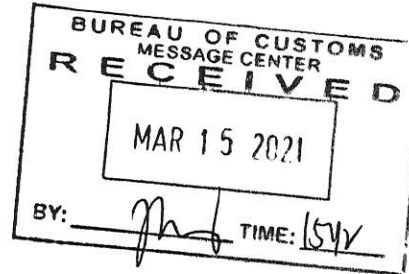
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**MR. REY LEONARDO B. GUERRERO**  
Commissioner  
Bureau of Customs  
G/F OCOM Building  
16<sup>th</sup> Street South Harbor  
Port Area, Manila

Dear **Commissioner Guerrero:**

This refers to BOC's request for clarification on the requirement to submit an authenticated Certificate of Origin (CO) for importers of motor vehicles from countries exempted from the imposition of the provisional safeguard duty under DTI DAO 20-11.

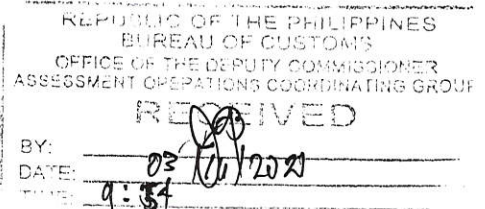
Please be informed that CO's issued to claim preferential tariffs is sufficient proof of origin in this case to meet the requirements for exemption from the provisional safeguard duty. Thus, only importers of passenger cars/vehicles and light motor vehicles from a country that is exempt from the safeguard duty and not covered by preferential tariffs shall submit a Certificate of Origin (CO) issued by the authorized agency/office in the source country of manufacture, subject to affixation of "Apostille" to the document or authentication by the Philippine Embassy/Consulate General, as applicable.

We hope that we have clarified the matter with you.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
**ATTY. LUIS M. CATIBAYAN**  
Director



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