



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS

Handwritten signature
MASTER COPY

27 March 2019

CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 97-2019

To: All Deputy Commissioners
All Directors and Division Chiefs
All District/Port Collectors
And Others Concerned

SUBJECT: DFA Information/Marrakesh Treaty/Entry Into Force for the Philippines

Attached is the Note Verbale No. 00607 from the Office of Treaties and Legal Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) informing that the *Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled* which was adopted on 27 June 2013 at the Diplomatic Conference held in Marrakesh, Morocco, entered into force for the Philippines on **18 March 2019**.

For your information and guidance.

For record purposes, please confirm the dissemination of this circular throughout your offices within fifteen (15) days from receipt hereof.

Handwritten signature
REY LEONARDO B. GUERRERO

Commissioner
APR 01 2019



BOC-09-00445

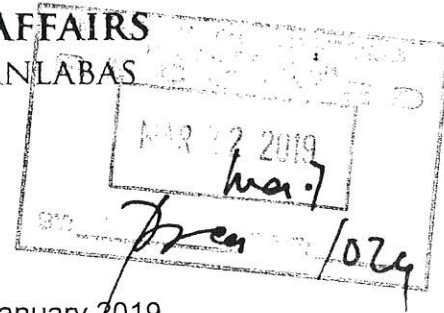
Deja
MASTER COPY



DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
KAGAWARAN NG UGNAYANG PANLABAS

00607

OFFICE OF TREATIES AND LEGAL AFFAIRS



8 January 2019

HON. REY LEONARDO B. GUERRERO

Commissioner
Bureau of Customs
Port Area, Manila



Subject: Entry Into Force for the Philippines of the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled

Sir:

Further to our letter dated 29 November 2019, the Department is pleased to inform the Bureau of Customs that the *Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled* which was adopted on 27 June 2013 at the Diplomatic Conference held in Marrakesh, Morocco, will enter into force, for the Philippines, on **18 March 2019** pursuant to Article 19 of the Treaty stating that an eligible party shall be bound under the Treaty after the expiration of three (3) months from the date on which it has deposited its instrument of ratification or accession with the Director-General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

The Philippine Mission to Geneva deposited the Philippine's Instrument of Accession to WIPO Director-General Francis Gurry in a brief ceremony held at WIPO headquarters on 18 December 2018.

Thank you and warm regards.

Very truly yours,

ATTY. J EDUARDO MALAYA
Assistant Secretary

OLA-Treaties-026-2019.njbc