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CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 18-2018

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

Subject: Obtaining Legal Opinion from Government's Statutory Counsel

Attached is the Memorandum from the Department of Justice (DOJ) informing that whenever the *legal opinion* of the national government's statutory counsel is necessary in connection with the activities of the Department of Finance, its organic units, or its attached bureaus and agencies, said *opinion may be requested and obtained from the DOJ.*

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.

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MEMORANDUM

TO : **ALL HEADS OF OFFICES, BUREAUS AND ATTACHED AGENCIES**
Department of Finance

SUBJECT : **Obtaining Legal Opinion from the Government's Statutory Counsel**

DATE : December 15, 2017

Please be reminded that the Department of Justice (DOJ) is the principal law agency, legal counsel, and representative of the government in litigation proceedings and is mandated to provide legal services to the national government and its functionaries, including government-owned or controlled corporations (GOCCs) and their subsidiaries.¹ Further, under the organizational structure of the DOJ, the Office of the Government Corporate Counsel (OGCC) is mandated to act as the principal law office of all GOCCs and their subsidiaries.²

Thus, whenever the legal opinion of the national government's statutory counsel is necessary in connection with the activities of the DOF, its organic units, or its attached bureaus and agencies, said opinion may be requested and obtained from the DOJ. In the case of GOCCs, such legal opinion of their statutory counsel may be requested and obtained from the OGCC.

Thank you.

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Secretary of Finance
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¹Section 3, Chapter 1, Title III, Book IV of the Administrative Code of 1987

²Section 10, Chapter 3, Title III, Book IV of the Administrative Code of 1987