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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS
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March 17, 2016

CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 43-2016

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

SUBJECT: Moratorium for Toluene – Based Spray Paints and Glues at Concentrations Equal to or Higher than 0.1% By Weight

Attached is the letter dated March 10, 2016 of Undersecretary Jose Marlowe S. Pedregosa, Dangerous Drugs Board, Office of the President, with the following salient points discussed therein:


"The members of the TWG agreed to recommend to the Board the extension of the moratorium for toluene-based spray paints and glues at concentrations equal to or higher than 0.1% by weight that are intended for sale to the general public until September 30, 2016. However, the recommended action should be embodied in a Resolution issued by the Board, and as such, Board action is required.

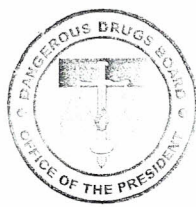
Everyone is advised that the provisions of Board Regulation No. 1, Series of 2014 shall be in effect relative to importation and manufacture of toluene-based spray paints and glues until a Resolution treating the concern shall be issued by the Board after the Board Meeting tentatively scheduled on April 13, 2016."

For your information and guidance.

Please confirm the dissemination of this circular throughout your offices within fifteen (15) days from receipt hereof.


ALBERTO D. LINA
Commissioner


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Dear Comm. Lina:

The issue on the extension of moratorium for toluene – based spray paints and glues at concentrations equal to or higher than 0.1% by weight that are intended for sale to the general public was discussed during the meeting of the Technical Working Group (TWG) on Exemption of the Board on March 3, 2016.


The TWG is composed of representatives from the Dangerous Drugs Board Secretariat, Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency, National Bureau of Investigation and the Philippine National Police and is tasked to assist the Board in considering requests of manufacturers and importers of products containing controlled substances for exemption from certain regulatory requirements.

The aforesaid meeting was a continuation of the discussion last January 7, 2016 wherein representatives from Nippon Paints articulated their request for extension. For both meetings, representatives from the Department of Justice, Department of Trade and Industry, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Philippine Economic Zone Authority, and Samahan sa Pilipinas ng mga Industriyang Kimika (SPIK) were invited as resource persons.

The members of the TWG agreed to recommend to the Board the extension of the moratorium for toluene – based spray paints and glues at concentrations equal to or higher than 0.1% by weight that are intended for sale to the general public until September 30, 2016. However, the recommended action should be embodied in a Resolution issued by the Board, and as such, Board action is required.

Everyone is advised that the provisions of Board Regulation No. 1, Series of 2014 shall be in effect relative to importation and manufacture of toluene – based spray paints and glues until a Resolution treating the concern shall be issued by the Board after the Board Meeting tentatively scheduled on April 13, 2016.

Very truly yours,


JOSE MARLOWE S. PEDREGOSA
Undersecretary – Executive Director

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