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## CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

NO. 101-2023

**TO: ALL DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS  
ALL SERVICE DIRECTORS  
ALL DISTRICT/PORT COLLECTORS  
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA) ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR (AC) NO. 2, SERIES OF 2023 "RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE IMPORTATION OF LEATHER AND HIDES (FINISHED PRODUCTS, TANNED AND UNTANNED, PROCESSED AND UNPROCESSED) AND OTHER NON-FOOD, NON-FEED, PROCESSED PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN"**

With reference to the attached letter dated June 05, 2023 from Mr. Paul Limson, Director, Department of Agriculture (DA), Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), please be informed that pursuant to DA Administrative Circular No. 2, Series of 2023 RE: Rules and Regulations Governing the Importation of Leather and Hides (Finished Products, Tanned and Untanned, Processed and Unprocessed) and other Non-Food, Non-Feed, Processed Products of Animal Origin) BAI will **no longer process** the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Import Clearances (SPSICs) lodged in the Intercommerce.

Hence, the DA-BAI requests the Bureau's Examiner/s to recognize and accept either the Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC), Proforma Invoice, or proof of purchase, whichever is available, in lieu of the SPSICs for the importation of fully finished leather goods/fully tanned hides and skin.

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

For your guidance and reference.

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Commissioner



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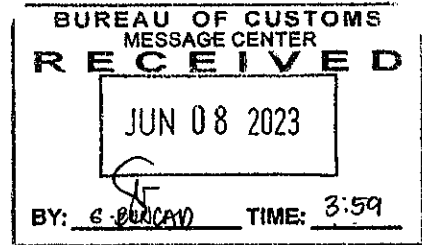
June 5, 2023

**MR. BIENVENIDO Y. RUBIO**

Commissioner

Bureau of Customs

South Harbor, Port Area, Manila



**SUBJECT: FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA) ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR (AC) NO. 2, SERIES OF 2023 "RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE IMPORTATION OF LEATHER AND HIDES (FINISHED PRODUCTS, TANNED AND UNTANNED, PROCESSED AND UNPROCESSED) AND OTHER NON-FOOD, NON-FEED, PROCESSED PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN"**

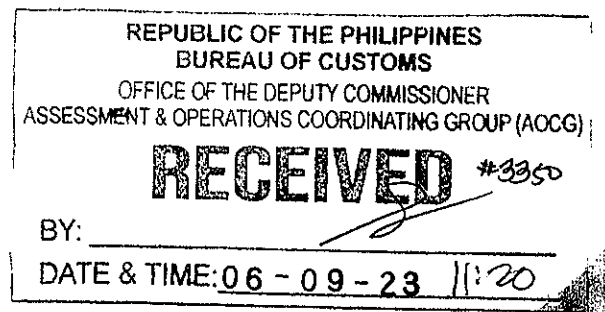
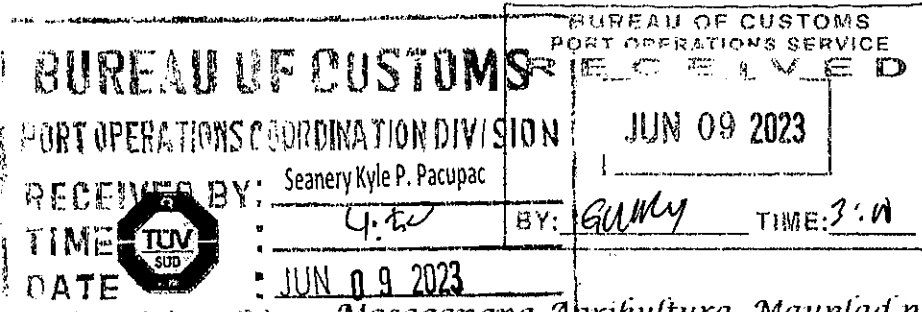
Dear Hon. Commissioner Rubio:

Greetings from the Bureau of Animal Industry!

We are writing once again to your good office regarding the implementation of the Department of Agriculture (DA) Administrative Circular (AC) No. 2, Series of 2023. As you may recall, the DA published the aforementioned Circular to streamline the importation procedures of leather and hides, and other processed products of animal origin to the Philippines. A two-month transitory period, from March 8, 2023 to May 8, 2023, was provided to allow importers to adjust their processes accordingly, which has since ended.

In light of the completion of the transitory period, the Bureau will no longer process the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Import Clearances (SPSICs) lodged in the Intercommerce. However, it has come to our attention that, notwithstanding the provisions of the DA AC No. 2, S. 2023, some Customs Officers still required importers to present the SPSIC for fully finished leather goods/fully tanned hides and skins.

As per the DA AC No. 2, S. 2023, importers are allowed to present **either the Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC), proforma invoice, or proof of purchase**, whichever is available, in lieu of the SPSIC. The provision aims to offer flexibility while ensuring compliance with the required standards.



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In this regard, we kindly request your support in disseminating this information among customs personnel to avoid unnecessary delays and confusion during customs clearance, particularly for products not requiring SPSIC.

We sincerely appreciate your continued support and attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

**PAUL C. LIMSON, DVM**  
Director



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