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MEMORANDUM

TO

ALL DISTRICT and SUB-PORT COLLECTORS

ALL CHIEFS, FORMAL ENTRY DIVISION

AND FORMAL ENTRY DIVISION PERSONNEL

FROM

ATTY. VENER S. BAQUIRAN

Deputy Commissione

Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group (AOCG)

SUBJECT :

TARIFF COMMISSION CIRCULARS/ADVANCE RULINGS

(TCC/AR)

DATE

02 May 2024

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1603 (f) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (Republic Act 10863) and Section 4.9 of Commission Order No. 2017-1 (Procedure on Application for an Advance Ruling on Tariff Classification related to Importation of Goods), the Tariff Commission furnished copies of the Advance Ruling (AR) on Tariff Classification with Tariff Classification Circulars (TCC/AR) issued on 26 April 2024 and the same having been reviewed and summarized as follows:

TCC. NO.	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	2022 AHTN CODE	2024 RATES OF DUTY
24-167	"HY-BOND"	3909.10.90	MFN – 5% ad valorem ACFTA – Zero* RCEP – Zero*
24-173	"KOPIKO® BLACK 3 IN ONE"	IN-QUOTA 2101.12.91.100	MFN – 30% ad valorem ATIGA – Zero* AANZFTA – Zero* ACFTA – Zero* AHKFTA – 30% ad valorem* AIFTA – 30% ad valorem* AJCEPA – Zero* AKFTA – 5% ad valorem* RCEP – 30% ad valorem*

*Subject to submission of their corresponding CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN (COs).



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TCC. NO.	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	2022 AHTN CODE	2024 RATES OF DUTY
		OUT-QUOTA 2101.12.91.200	MFN – 45% ad valorem ATIGA – Zero* AANZFTA – Zero* ACFTA – Zero* AHKFTA – 45% ad valorem* AIFTA – 45% ad valorem* AJCEPA – Zero* AKFTA – 5% ad valorem* RCEP – 45% ad valorem*
24-274	"NISSAN TERRA 4x2 MT"	8703.32.76	MFN – 30% ad valorem ATIGA – Zero* AANZFTA – Zero* ACFTA – 5% ad valorem* AHKFTA – 30% ad valorem* AIFTA – 30% ad valorem* AJCEPA – 30% ad valorem* AKFTA – 5% ad valorem* RCEP – 30% ad valorem*
24-275	"NISSAN TERRA 4x2 AT"	8703.32.76	MFN – 30% ad valorem ATIGA – Zero* AANZFTA – Zero* ACFTA – 5% ad valorem* AHKFTA – 30% ad valorem* AIFTA – 30% ad valorem* AJCEPA – 30% ad valorem* AKFTA – 5% ad valorem* RCEP – 30% ad valorem*

For information, guidance and strict compliance.

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POSITION OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

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RECOMMISSIONER

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

TARIFF COMMISSION

Ref. No. 24-038

09-48232

26 April 2024

COMMISSIONER BIENVENIDO Y. RUBIO

Bureau of Customs G/F OCOM Building 16th Street, South Harbor Gate 3 Port Area, Manila



Dear Commissioner Rubio:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1603(f) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (Republic Act No. 10863) and Section 4.9 of Commission Order No. 2017-1 (Procedure on Application for an Advance Ruling on Tariff Classification Related to Importation or Exportation of Goods), this Commission is pleased to furnish your good Office with PDF copies of four Advance Rulings on Tariff Classification, with TCC (AR) Nos. 24-167, 24-173, 24-274, and 24-275, issued by this Commission on 26 April 2024. These Advance Rulings have also been posted on the Commission's website www.tariffcommission.gov.ph.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

MARILOU P. MENDOZA

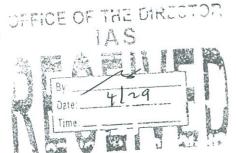
Chairperson

Encl: As stated

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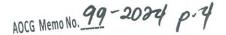
The Secretary
Department of Finance

Manila













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TARIFF COMMISSION

ADVANCE RULING ON TARIFF CLASSIFICATION

Pursuant to Section 1100 of RA 10863 (CMTA)

AHTN 2022 CODE AND 2024 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY

AHTN 3909.10.90 MFN - 5% ad valorem ACFTA - Zero RCEP - Zero

4 DESCRIPTION OF GOOD

"HY-BOND"

Based on the product declaration, Certificate of Feed Product Registration from the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), manufacturing process flowchart, certificate of analysis, material safety data sheet, and product label submitted, subject article is a feed binder composed of polymethylolcarbamide (PMC) and silicon dioxide (anti-caking agent), in the form of a white or slightly yellow powder. It is a urea-formaldehyde polymer obtained from the addition and polycondensation reactions of formaldehyde and carbamide. Packed in 25-kg bags, subject article is added to feeds of swine, poultry, rabbit, and aquaculture species as a pellet binder.

5 REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION

Note 6 (b) to Chapter 39 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 states that in headings 39.01 to 39.14, the expression "primary forms" applies only to, among others, blocks of irregular shape, lumps, powders (including moulding powders), granules, flakes and similar bulk forms.

Heading 39.09 of the AHTN 2022 covers amino-resins, phenolic resins and polyurethanes, in primary forms. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that this heading covers, among others, amino-resins. These are formed by the condensation of amines or amides with aldehydes (formaldehyde, furfuraldehyde, etc.). The most important are urea resins (for example, urea-formaldehyde), thiourea resins (for example, thiourea-formaldehyde), melamine resins (for example, melamine-formaldehyde) and aniline resins (for example, aniline-formaldehyde).

In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 3909.10.90, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 5% ad valorem; ASEAN-China Free Trade Area (ACFTA) rate of duty of zero, subject to submission of Certificate of Origin (CO) Form "E"; and Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement rate of duty of zero, subject to submission of CO Form "RCEP" or Declaration of Origin (DO) issued by an Approved Exporter.

This ruling shall be valid for five years from the date of issuance and shall continue to apply unless the law, facts, or circumstances supporting this ruling have changed.

FOR THE COMMISSION

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MARILOU P. MENDOZA Chairperson







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ADVANCE RULING ON TARIFF CLASSIFICATION

Pursuant to Section 1100 of RA 10863 (CMTA)

1 AHTN 2022 C	CODE AND 2024 RAT	E/S OF IMPORT DUTY
	In-Quota	Out-Quota
AHTN	2101.12.91.100	2101.12.91.200
MFN	30% ad valorem	45% ad valorem
ATIGA	Zero	Zero
AANZFTA	Zero	Zero
ACFTA	Zero	Zero
AHKFTA	30% ad valorem	45% ad valorem
AIFTA	30% ad valorem	45% ad valorem
AJCEPA	Zero	Zero
AKFTA	5% ad valorem	5% ad valorem
RCEP	30% ad valorem	45% ad valorem

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	26 April 2024

4 DESCRIPTION OF GOOD

"KOPIKO® BLACK 3 IN ONE"

Based on the ingredient declaration, certificate of analysis, manufacturing process flowchart, product description, and sample packaging layout submitted, subject article is an instant powdered coffee mix composed of instant coffee, non-dairy creamer, sugar, and salt. Available in 30-g single packs, 56-g twin pack (2 x 28 g) sachets, and in 300-g (10 x 30 g) and 900-g (30 x 30 g) packs, subject article is to be dissolved in hot water before consumption.

5 REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION

Heading 21.01 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 covers, among others, extracts, essences and concentrates, of coffee, tea or maté, and preparations with a basis of these products or with a basis of coffee, tea or maté. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that the heading covers, among others, preparations with a basis of the coffee, tea or maté extracts, essences or concentrates. These are preparations based on extracts, essences or concentrates of coffee, tea or maté (and not on coffee, tea or maté themselves), and include extracts, etc., with added starches or other carbohydrates.

In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheadings 2101.12.91.100 and 2101.12.91.200, with Most Favoured Nation (MFN) In-Quota and Out-Quota rates of duty of 30% and 45% ad valorem, respectively, and the following applicable rates of duty under the various Philippine free trade agreements (FTAs), subject to the submission of the corresponding proof of origin:





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Free Trade Agreement	Applicable Rates of Duty (%, ad valorem)		Proof of Origin
	In-Quota	Out-Quota	
ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA)	0	0	Certificate of Origin (CO) Form D, Electronic Certificate of Origin (e-Form D), or Origin Declaration by Approved Exporter
ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area (AANZFTA)	0	0	CO Form AANZ
ASEAN-China Free Trade Area (ACFTA)	0	0	CO Form E
ASEAN-Hong Kong, China Free Trade Agreement (AHKFTA)	30	45	CO Form AHK
ASEAN-India Free Trade Area (AIFTA)	30	45	CO Form AI
ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (AJCEPA)	0	0	CO Form AJ
ASEAN-Korea Free Trade Area (AKFTA)	5	5	CO Form AK
Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement	30	45	CO Form RCEP or Declaration of Origin (DO) issued by an Approved Exporter

This ruling shall be valid for five years from the date of issuance and shall continue to apply unless the law, facts, or circumstances supporting this ruling have changed.

FOR THE COMMISSION

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MARILOU P. MENDOZA Chairperson







REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

TARIFF COMMISSION

ADVANCE RULING ON TARIFF CLASSIFICATION

Pursuant to Section 1100 of RA 10863 (CMTA)

1 AHTN 2022 CODE AND 2024 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY

AHTN 8703.32.76

MFN - 30% ad valorem

ATIGA - Zero

AANZFTA - Zero

ACFTA - 5% ad valorem

AHKFTA - 30% ad valorem

AIFTA - 30% ad valorem

AJCEPA - 30% ad valorem

AKFTA - 5% ad valorem

RCEP - 30% ad valorem

26 April 2024

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"NISSAN TERRA 4x2 MT"

Based on the brochure and technical specifications submitted, subject article is a completely built-up (CBU), rear-wheel drive, mid-size sports utility vehicle (SUV) equipped with a compression-ignition internal combustion engine. Having a manual transmission configuration, subject article has the following specifications:

	Inline 4-cylinder, Dual Overhead Camshaft (DOHC)
Engine Type	with Variable Turbocharger (VGS) and Intercooler
Displacement (cc)	2,488
Maximum Power (ps / rpm)	190 / 3,600
Maximum Torque (N·m / rpm)	450 / 2,000
Dimension (LxWxH) (mm)	4,900 x 1,865 x 1,865
Gross vehicle weight (kg)	2,610
Seating capacity	7 persons



5 REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION

Heading 87.03 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 covers motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons (other than those of heading 87.02), including station wagons and racing cars. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that this heading covers motor vehicles of various types (including amphibious motor vehicles) designed for the transport of persons; it does not, however, cover the motor vehicles of heading 87.02. The vehicles of this heading may have any type of motor (internal combustion piston engine, electric motor, gas turbine, combination of an internal combustion piston engine and one or more electric motors, etc.). The heading includes motor cars (e.g., limousines, taxis, sports cars, and racing cars).

In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 8703.32.76, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 30% ad valorem and the following applicable rates of duty under the various Philippine free trade agreements (FTA), subject to submission of the corresponding proof of origin:



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2 TCC (AR) NO.
24-274

Free Trade Agreement	Applicable Rates of Duty (%, ad valorem)	Proof of Origin
ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA)	0	Certificate of Origin (CO) Form D, Electronic Certificate of Origin (e-Form D), or Origin Declaration by Approved Exporter
ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area (AANZFTA)	0	CO Form AANZ
ASEAN-China Free Trade Area (ACFTA)	5	CO Form E
ASEAN-Hong Kong, China Free Trade Agreement (AHKFTA)	30	CO Form AHK
ASEAN-India Free Trade Area (AIFTA)	30	CO Form AI
ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (AJCEPA)	30	CO Form AJ
ASEAN-Korea Free Trade Area (AKFTA)	5	CO Form AK
Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement	30	CO Form RCEP or Declaration of Origin (DO) issued by an Approved Exporter

This ruling shall be valid for five years from the date of issuance and shall continue to apply unless the law, facts, or circumstances supporting this ruling have changed.

FOR THE COMMISSION

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MARILOU P. MENDOZA

Chairperson





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TARIFF COMMISSION

ADVANCE RULING ON TARIFF CLASSIFICATION

Pursuant to Section 1100 of RA 10863 (CMTA)

1 AHTN 2022 CODE AND 2024 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY

AHTN 8703.32.76

MFN - 30% ad valorem

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AANZFTA - Zero

ACFTA - 5% ad valorem

AHKFTA - 30% ad valorem

AIFTA - 30% ad valorem

AJCEPA - 30% ad valorem

AKFTA - 5% ad valorem

RCEP - 30% ad valorem

26 April 2024

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4	DESCRIPTION	N OF GOOD
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"NISSAN TERRA 4x2 AT"

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Inline 4-cylinder, Dual Overhead Camshaft (DOHC) with Variable Turbocharger (VGS) and Intercooler
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2	TCC (AR) NO.
	24-275

Free Trade Agreement	Applicable Rates of Duty (%, ad valorem)	Proof of Origin
ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA)	0	Certificate of Origin (CO) Form D, Electronic Certificate of Origin (e-Form D), or Origin Declaration by Approved Exporter
ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area (AANZFTA)	0	CO Form AANZ
ASEAN-China Free Trade Area (ACFTA)	5	CO Form E
ASEAN-Hong Kong, China Free Trade Agreement (AHKFTA)	30	CO Form AHK
ASEAN-India Free Trade Area (AIFTA)	30	CO Form AI
ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (AJCEPA)	30	CO Form AJ
ASEAN-Korea Free Trade Area (AKFTA)	5	CO Form AK
Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement	30	CO Form RCEP or Declaration of Origin (DO) issued by an Approved Exporter

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FOR THE COMMISSION

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MARILOU P. MENDOZA Chairperson



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS



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07 May 2024

CUSTOMS SPECIAL ORDER NO. <u>30~2024</u>

In the exigency of service, ATTY. JENNY P. DIOKNO, Chief, Export Coordination Division, Port Operations Service, Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group, is hereby authorized to participate to the PEER REVIEW EXERCISE (PRE) AND CONSULTATION ON THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1540 (2004) ON EXPORT CONTROLS, which will be held on the below schedule:

ACTIVITY	DATE AND VENUE	
Inter-Agency Preparatory Meeting for the	16 May 2024	
UNSC Resolution 1540 Peer Review Exercise	DFA Building, Manila	
	28-29 May 2024	
UNSC Resolution 1540 Peer Review Exercise	Philippines (venue to be	
	announced)	

An After-Meeting Report shall be submitted by the attendee within five (5) days after the workshop to the Internal Administration Group: Administration Office, Learning and Development Management Office and the External Affairs Office.

For strict compliance.

Deputy Commissioner
Internal Administration Group