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# REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS

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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 Commissioner

Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group (AOCG)

SUBJECT

TARIFF COMMISSION CIRCULARS/ADVANCE RULINGS

(TCC/AR)

DATE

18 February 2025

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 copy of the Advance Ruling (AR) on Tariff Classification with Tariff Classification Circular (TCC/AR) issued on 11 February 2025 and the same having been reviewed and summarized as follows:

TCC.	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	2022 AHTN	2025 RATES OF
NO.		CODE	DUTY
24-920	"CC LEMON NAT F2141406"	3302.10.30	MFN – 1% ad valorem

For information, guidance and strict compliance.

CC: COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS





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## REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

## TARIFF COMMISSION

Ref. No. 25-018

11 February 2025

## 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 a PDF copy of one Advance Ruling on Tariff Classification, with TCC (AR) No. 24-920, issued by this Commission on 11 February 2025. This Advance Ruling has also been posted on the Commission's website <a href="https://www.tariffcommission.gov.ph">www.tariffcommission.gov.ph</a>.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

MARILOU P. MENDOZA

Chairperson

Encl:

As stated

CC:

The Secretary

Department of Finance

Manila



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## REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

## TARIFF COMMISSION

## ADVANCE RULING ON TARIFF CLASSIFICATION

Pursuant to Section 1100 of RA 10863 (CMTA)

## AHTN 2022 CODE AND 2025 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY

AHTN 3302.10.30 MFN - 1% ad valorem

2	TCC (AR) NO.		
	24-920		
3	DATE ISSUED		

#### 4 DESCRIPTION OF GOOD

#### "CC LEMON NAT F2141406"

Based on the product composition, technical data, production process flow diagram, product label, and photographs of the product and packaging submitted, subject article is a flavouring preparation in the form of an off-white to light-yellow spray-dried powder with a characteristic lemon aroma and flavour. It is composed of extractives of lemon, modified corn starch, and tocopherols (antioxidant). Packed in 50-lb drums, subject article is used as a flavouring in food products.

### 5 REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION

Heading 33.02 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 covers, among others, mixtures of odoriferous substances and mixtures (including alcoholic solutions) with a basis of one or more of these substances, of a kind used as raw materials in industry. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that this heading covers the following mixtures provided they are of a kind used as raw materials in the perfumery, food or drink industries (e.g., in confectionery, food or drink flavourings) or in other industries (e.g., soapmaking), among others, mixtures of one or more odoriferous substances (essential oils, resinoids, extracted oleoresins or synthetic aromatics) combined with added diluents or carriers such as vegetable oil, dextrose or starch.

In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 3302.10.30, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 1% ad valorem.

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

**Note:** In line with the Commission's objective to provide alternative mediums/channels of communication and to further enhance the accessibility of its frontline services to its stakeholders, this Advance Ruling is being issued in digital format, without a dry seal, barcode, and hologram, and is also uploaded in the Tariff Commission website. A hard copy thereof, accompanied by said dry seal, barcode, and hologram, may be issued upon request.

