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CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

NO. 113 - 2025

TO : ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
ALL DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS
ALL DIRECTORS AND DIVISION CHIEFS
ALL DISTRICT AND SUB-PORT COLLECTORS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : IMPLEMENTATION OF REVENUE REGULATIONS NO. 09-2025 WHICH IMPLEMENTED SECTION 295 (D) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997 (TAX CODE), AS AMENDED BY SECTION 18 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 12066 OR THE "CORPORATE RECOVERY AND TAX INCENTIVES FOR ENTERPRISES TO MAXIMIZE OPPORTUNITIES FOR REINVIGORATING THE ECONOMY" (CREATE MORE ACT)

Attached herewith is a copy of **Revenue Regulations (RR) No. 09-2025** issued by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) which took effect on 14 March 2025.

In relation to the abovementioned RR, the Secretary of Finance, in a letter dated 15 April 2025, clarified that *sales of goods and services to domestic market enterprises or non-Registered Business Enterprises (RBEs) are now considered "local sales", which fall outside the mandate of the BOC, and is now under the jurisdiction of the BIR, for Value Added Tax (VAT) purposes.*

Per Memorandum dated 22 May 2025 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Operations Group, BIR, with subject: *Verification Mechanism for VAT on Local Sales of Registered Business Enterprises*, the Bureau of Customs shall allow the release of goods locally sold by RBEs upon the presentation of **BIR Form No. 0605**, which appears to be valid on its face and is not visibly counterfeit. Thereafter, the concerned Customs Officer should promptly send the submitted Form to BIR with the corresponding invoice, and any other relevant supporting documents, through electronic mail, for the conduct of post-verification checks and post audit.

For clarity, however, aside from the presentation of **BIR Form No. 0605**, the BOC Officers handling the release of the goods subject of local sale shall, collect the appropriate duties, applicable taxes other than VAT, and other fees and/or charges on the imported raw materials sold or as component of the finished product, whose collection were suspended at the time of importation by the RBE. In doing so, please



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be guided by the provisions of Republic Act No. 10863, otherwise known as the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act, specifically Section 105 thereof, to wit:

"Section 105. Effective Date of Rate of Import Duty. — Imported goods shall be subject to the import duty rates under the applicable tariff heading that are effective at the date of importation or upon withdrawal from the warehouse for consumption. In case of withdrawal from free zones for introduction to the customs territory, the duty rate at the time of withdrawal shall be applicable on the goods originally admitted, whether withdrawn in its original or advanced form."
(Emphasis added)

Thus, the RBE shall make an appropriate goods declaration for such raw materials and pay the corresponding duties, applicable taxes except VAT, and other fees and/or charges thereon, with attached **BIR Form No. 0605**.

For records purposes, please disseminate this circular throughout your respective offices and submit the necessary confirmation within fifteen (15) days from receipt hereof.

For your guidance and appropriate action.

BIENVENIDO Y. RUBIO
Commissioner





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REVENUE REGULATIONS NO. 009-2025

SUBJECT : Implementing Pertinent Provision of Section 295(D) of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997 (Tax Code), as Amended by Section 18 of Republic Act (RA) No. 12066, Particularly on the Treatment of Local Sales of Goods and/or Services by Registered Business Enterprises (RBEs)

TO : All Internal Revenue Officials, Employees and Others Concerned

SECTION 1. SCOPE. – Pursuant to Sections 244 and 245 of the Tax Code, in relation to Sections 18 and 32 of RA No. 12066, these Regulations are hereby promulgated to implement the pertinent provision under Section 295(D) of the Tax Code, particularly on the treatment of local sales of goods and/or services by RBEs.

The specific provision is hereunder quoted:

"Provided, That local sales of goods and/or services by an RBE, regardless of the income tax incentives regime and location, shall be subject to twelve percent (12%) VAT, unless otherwise exempt or zero-rated under Titles IV and XIII of this Code. For this purpose, 'local sales' shall cover sales of goods and services to domestic market enterprises or non-RBEs, regardless of whether the sale occurs within the freeport or economic zones: Provided, further, That the liability to pay and remit the VAT to the government rests with the buyer of the said goods or services."

SECTION 2. TAX TREATMENT. – From the afore-cited provision of the Tax Code, local sales of goods and/or services by an RBE shall be subject to 12% Value-Added Tax (VAT), unless otherwise exempt or zero-rated under Titles IV and XIII of the Tax Code. For the avoidance of doubt, local sales shall include sales of goods and services to domestic market enterprises and non-RBEs, regardless of location.

The following mechanisms, therefore shall be observed:

- A. **Income Tax Incentives Regime.** All local sales of RBEs shall be subject to VAT regardless of the income tax regime (i.e., Income Tax Holiday (ITH), 5% Gross Income Earned (GIE)/Special Corporate Income Tax (SCIT), Enhanced Deduction Regime (EDR), or Regular Corporate Income Tax (RCIT).
- B. **Location of Sales.** The location of the transaction and the RBE, whether inside the ecozone, freeport or customs territory, such as those Registered Export Enterprises (REEs) registered with the Board of Investments (BOI), are no longer



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the determining factors in so far as the taxability for local sales of RBEs for VAT purposes is concerned.

- C. **Liability to Pay and Remit VAT.** The liability to pay and remit the VAT to the government rests with the buyer of the goods or services. RA 12066 has shifted to the buyer this liability for local sales of RBEs.

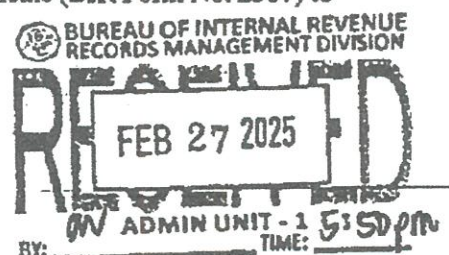
SECTION 3. MANNER OF IMPLEMENTATION. – While the law is clear on the non-distinction of the income tax regimes of the RBE-seller and the location as to where the sales transaction transpired, it is paramount, for purposes of these Regulations, to take into consideration the type of the buyer as to whether it is engaged in business or not.

A. Buyer is Engaged in Business/Business-to-Business (B2B). A B2B transaction pertains to the supply or delivery of goods or services to natural or juridical persons engaged in business located in the Philippines, and the Government of the Philippines or any of its political subdivisions, instrumentalities, or agencies, including government-owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs). For uniform implementation in the manner of filing and collection of the VAT due on B2B local sales, the following procedures shall be prescribed:

1. **Invoicing by the RBE-Seller and Payment of the Buyer.** The RBE-seller shall bill the transaction inclusive of the VAT, which is shown as a separate item in the invoice that will be tagged as "VAT on Local Sales". Since the remittance of the corresponding VAT on local sales will be on the account of the buyer, this will not be included in the total amount due from the buyer.

The buyer, on the other hand, shall pay the purchase price to the RBE-seller, exclusive of VAT on local sales.

2. **Liability to File and Pay VAT.** The buyer of the goods or services shall be liable to pay and remit the corresponding VAT from the transaction.
3. **Manner of Filing and Payment by the Buyer.** The following rules shall apply:
 - a. **For purchase of goods from economic zones or freeport.** – The filing and payment of the "VAT on B2B local sales by RBEs" shall be on a per transaction basis using the BIR Form to be prescribed by the BIR for this purpose through a separate revenue issuance. In the meantime, BIR Form No. 0605 shall be utilized and shall be immediately transmitted to the RBE-seller, as part of the requirements prior to the release of goods from the economic zone or freeport.
 - b. **For purchase of services from economic zones or freeport.** – The filing and payment of the "VAT on B2B local sales by RBEs" shall be on a monthly basis using the BIR Form to be prescribed by the BIR for this purpose through a separate revenue issuance. In the meantime, BIR Form No. 1600-VT shall be utilized and shall be filed on or before the tenth (10th) day of the month following the month in which the transaction transpired. The buyer shall issue withholding VAT certificate (BIR Form No. 2307) to



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the RBE-seller either on the aggregated quarterly VAT on local sales payments or upon demand of the RBE-seller.

- c. For purchases of goods and/or services from BOI-registered enterprises. – The filing and payment of the "VAT on B2B local sales by RBEs" shall be on a monthly basis using the BIR Form to be prescribed by the BIR for this purpose through a separate revenue issuance. In the meantime, BIR Form No. 1600-VT shall be utilized and shall be filed on or before the tenth (10th) day of the month following the month in which the transaction transpired. The buyer shall issue BIR Form No. 2307 to the RBE-seller either on the aggregated quarterly VAT on local sales payments or upon demand of the RBE-seller.

4. Compliance Requirement for RBE-Sellers.

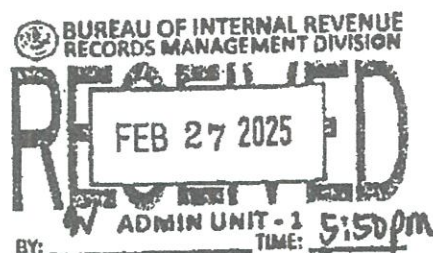
a. Filing of quarterly VAT returns (QVRs). –

- i. Non-VAT registered RBEs (i.e., those enjoying the 5% GIE/SCIT) are not required to file QVRs due to their non-registration for VAT.
- ii. VAT-registered RBEs (i.e., those enjoying ITH/EDR/RCIT) are required to file QVRs and shall declare as sales subject to VAT all B2B local sales with the corresponding BIR Form No. 2307/0605 issued by their buyers which shall serve as proof in claiming VAT credit therefrom.
- iii. RBEs with mixed activities (i.e., two or more registered projects/activities under different income tax regimes) shall file QVRs and shall declare as sales subject to VAT all B2B local sales with the corresponding BIR Form No. 2307/0605 issued by their buyers, which shall serve as proof in claiming VAT credit therefrom.

- b. Submission of Summary List of Local Sales. – Non-VAT registered RBEs shall submit a quarterly summary list of local sales to be furnished to the BIR office having jurisdiction over the RBE following the format to be prescribed by the BIR in a separate revenue issuance, which shall indicate whether the corresponding VAT has been paid by the buyer. Moreover, VAT-registered RBEs shall follow the regular submission of summary lists of sales and purchases under existing revenue issuances.

- B. Buyer/Consumer is not Engaged in Business/Business-to-Consumer (B2C). For B2C transactions where the buyer is not engaged in business, imposing payment and remittance of VAT on their purchases from RBEs is not administratively feasible. Therefore, the buyer/consumer will still pay the VAT due on the transaction, but the RBE-seller will be responsible for remitting it to the government.

There is also a need to distinguish the income tax regime of the registered activity of the RBE-seller since compliance requirements may vary. On one hand,



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registered activities under the five percent (5%) GIE/SCIT are exempt from VAT and are generally not required to register under the tax type "VAT". On the other hand, registered activities under the income tax holiday (ITH) or EDR are enjoying incentives on income tax only. Hence, these RBEs are VAT-registered and are required regular compliance for VAT purposes including the filing of quarterly VAT returns and its corresponding attachments such as the summary lists of sales and purchases.

1. **Invoicing by the RBE-Seller and Payment of the Buyer.** The seller shall bill the transaction inclusive of VAT, which is shown as a separate item in the invoice that will be tagged as "VAT on Local Sales". The buyer shall pay the purchase price to the RBE-seller, inclusive of VAT on local sales.
2. **Liability to File and Pay VAT.** The seller shall be responsible in remitting the VAT on local sales it charged to its buyers that are not engaged in business, as follows:

- a. **Registered Activity of the RBE-Seller is under the 5% GIE/SCIT regime.** – Until a new form is prescribed, the seller-RBE shall file BIR Form No. 0605 for the VAT on local sales paid by their buyers/consumers. This form shall be filed by the 10th day of the month following the transaction.

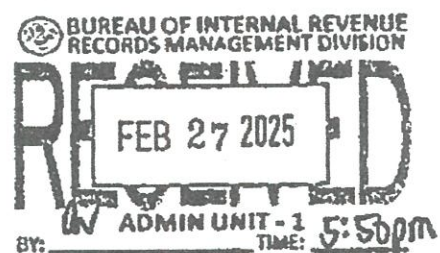
For RBEs with other registered activity/ies that is/are not under the 5% GIE or SCIT regime, they shall be required to register as VAT. The local sales shall be reported under the gross sales subject to VAT in the quarterly VAT returns (BIR Form No. 2550Q). The VAT paid through BIR Form No. 0605 during the first two (2) months of the quarter shall be reflected as VAT credit in the BIR Form 2550Q.

- b. **Registered Activity of the RBE-Seller is Under ITH/EDR or Regular Income Tax Rate.** – Since this requires VAT registration, the RBE-seller shall file the corresponding quarterly VAT Return (QVR) for the local sales subject to VAT including the VAT on local sales.

SECTION 4. OPTIONAL VAT REGISTRATION. – If the RBE is under the 5% GIE or SCIT, and all registered activities fall under the same income tax regime, the RBE may opt to register for VAT for its local sales. This will not affect the RBE's existing fiscal and non-fiscal incentives, including VAT zero-rating on local purchases and VAT exemption on importation that are directly attributable to the RBE's registered activity.

Pursuant to Section 236(G) of the Tax Code, any person who elects to register under this Subsection shall not be entitled to cancel his registration under Subsection (E)(2) of Section 236 of the Tax Code for the next three (3) years.

SECTION 5. CLAIM OF INPUT TAX BY VAT-REGISTERED BUYERS. – For VAT-registered buyers of RBEs, no input VAT shall be claimed until the corresponding VAT has been paid on the purchase from RBE-sellers. The following documents are required for the local buyers of RBEs:



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- A. Sales Invoice issued by the RBE showing the amount of VAT on local sales; and
- B. Copy of the corresponding duly-filed BIR Form No. 1600VT or BIR Form No. 0605, whichever is applicable.

For non-VAT registered buyers, VAT paid on purchases from RBEs shall form part of the cost or charged to expense account.

SECTION 6. WITHHOLDING OF VAT ON GOVERNMENT MONEY PAYMENTS. – The creditable withholding tax rate on the purchase of goods and services from RBEs of the Philippine Government or any of its political subdivisions, instrumentalities, or agencies, including GOCCs under Sec. 4.114-2(a) of Revenue Regulations (RR) No. 16-2005, as amended by RR No. 13-2018, shall now be amended to twelve percent (12%) upon the effectivity of these Regulations.

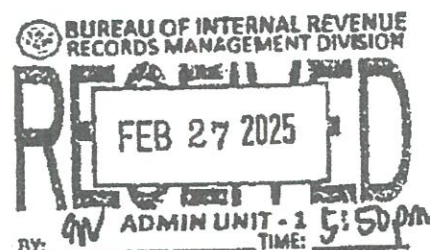
SECTION 7. TRANSITORY PROVISIONS. – Upon effectivity of these Regulations, the RBEs with remaining registered manual invoices that include the term “VAT/VAT Amount” in the breakdown of sales may be stamped with “VAT on Local Sales” upon issuance to buyers, until fully consumed, without the need for approval from the concerned BIR Office. For subsequent applications for Authority to Print Invoices, the new layout should replace the term “VAT/VAT Amount” in the breakdown of sales with “VAT on Local Sales”.

In cases where the invoices are Exempt/VAT-Exempt and do not include the term “VAT/VAT Amount,” the same provision shall apply. Such invoices may be stamped by the seller with “VAT on Local Sales” upon issuance to buyers, without the need for approval from the concerned BIR Office. For subsequent applications for Authority to Print Invoices, the new layout shall include the term “VAT on Local Sales” in the said invoice.

RBEs using registered Cash Register Machines/Point-of-Sales (CRM/POS), Computerized Accounting System (CAS), Computerized Books of Accounts with Accounting Records or other registered invoicing system/software shall reconfigure/rename their system by changing/renaming the term “VAT/VAT Amount” in the breakdown of sales with “VAT on Local Sales”, or adding the same in case the “VAT/VAT Amount” is not applicable, until December 31, 2025. This shall be subject to post-verification by the BIR office having jurisdiction over the RBE.

SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If any of the provisions of these Regulations is subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional, the validity of the remaining provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All other issuances and rules and regulations or parts thereof which are contrary to and inconsistent with the provisions of these Regulations are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.



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
SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY. -- These Regulations shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or the BIR Official Website, whichever comes first.


RALPH G. RECTO
Secretary of Finance
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Recommending Approval:




ROMEO D. LUMAGHI, JR.
Commissioner of Internal Revenue

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**BIENVENIDO Y. RUBIO**

Commissioner

Bureau of Customs (BOC)

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SUBJECT: Implementation of Section 295(D) of the Tax Code, as amended by Section 18 of RA No. 12066, on Local Sales of Goods and/or Services of Registered Business Enterprises

Dear Commissioner Rubio:

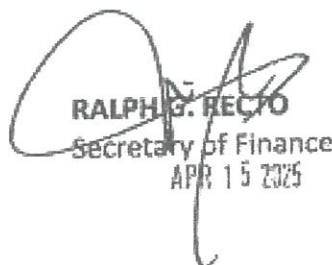
We write to inform you of the issuance of Revenue Regulations (RR) No. 9-2025 implementing Section 295(D) of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997 (Tax Code), as amended by Section 18 of Republic Act No. 12066 or the "Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises to Maximize Opportunities for Reinvigorating the Economy" (CREATE MORE Act).

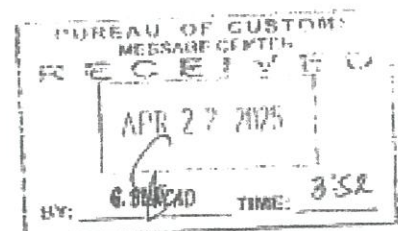
Reiterating Section 295(D) of the Tax Code, RR No. 9-2025 clarified that the location of the transactions and the RBEs, *whether inside the ecozone, freeport, or customs territory*, are no longer the determining factors in the taxability for local sales of RBEs for VAT purposes. Such sales of goods and services to domestic market enterprises or non-RBEs are now considered "local sales." Accordingly, such transactions fall outside the mandate of the BOC into the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR).

In light of this shift in jurisdiction, corresponding adjustments in VAT collection targets must be adopted. To facilitate this transition, this Department requests the BOC to submit five years' worth of historical revenue collection data from economic zones and freeport zones. This data will aid in recalibrating revenue collection targets in alignment with the new VAT collection framework.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


RALPH G. RECTO
 Secretary of Finance
 APR 15 2025



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