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16 August 2024

**CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**

No. 144 - 2024

**To: All Collectors of Customs  
Importers, Customs Brokers, Brokers'  
Representatives and All Others Concerned**

In line with Customs Memorandum Order No. 14 - 2019, the Exchange Rate duly issued by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas on August 16, 2024 shall be the applicable Rate of Exchange for the week August 17, 2024 to August 23, 2024 for both the regular consumption entries (formal and informal), warehouse entries as well as withdrawal entries for shipments entered under warehousing.

COUNTRY	UNIT	PHIL. PESO EQUIVALENT
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**I. CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES WITH BANGKO SENTRAL:**

1 UNITED STATES	DOLLAR	57.0360
2 JAPAN	YEN	0.3820
3 UNITED KINGDOM	POUND	73.3255
4 HONGKONG	DOLLAR	7.3162
5 SWITZERLAND	FRANC	65.3633
6 CANADA	DOLLAR	41.5532
7 SINGAPORE	DOLLAR	43.1437
8 AUSTRALIA	DOLLAR	37.7008
9 BAHRAIN	DINAR*	151.3413
10 KUWAIT	DINAR	N/A
11 SAUDI ARABIA	RIYAL	15.1995
12 BRUNEI	DOLLAR	42.9812
13 INDONESIA	RUPIAH	0.0037
14 THAILAND	BAHT****	1.6261
15 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	DIRHAM	15.5302
16 EUROPEAN MONETARY UNION	EURO	62.5913
17 KOREA	WON	0.0418
18 CHINA	YUAN**	7.9488



## II. OTHERS (NOT CONVERTIBLE WITH BSP)

19 ARGENTINA	PESO	0.0606
20 BRAZIL	REAL	10.3970
21 DENMARK	KRONER	8.3883
22 INDIA	RUPEE	0.6795
23 MALAYSIA	RINGGIT	12.8750
24 MEXICO	NEW PESO	3.0589
25 NEW ZEALAND	DOLLAR	34.1417
26 NORWAY	KRONER	5.3141
27 PAKISTAN	RUPEE	0.2048
28 SOUTH AFRICA	RAND	3.1694
29 SWEDEN	KRONER	5.4193
30 SYRIA	POUND	0.0044
31 TAIWAN	NT DOLLAR	1.7585
32 VENEZUELA	BOLIVAR	1.5590

It shall be understood that the foreign currencies shall be converted directly into the Philippine Pesos rather than the old practice of converting first into U.S. Dollar.

All issuances inconsistent with this Order are hereby revoked.

This Order shall take effect August 16, 2024.



ATTY. VENER S. BAQUIRAN  
Deputy Commissioner, AOCG





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**CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
**NO. 149- 2024**

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

**SUBJECT :** EXCHANGE OF ELECTRONIC PHYTOSANITARY (e-PHYTO)  
CERTIFICATE WITH THAILAND

Attached herewith is the Memorandum dated 09 July 2024 from Mr. Gerald Glenn. F. Panganiban, PhD., Director, Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI), on the abovementioned subject.

As stated in the Memorandum, all e-Phyto applications destined for Thailand will be exchanged through the ASEAN Single Window System Gateway, while incoming e-Phyto from Thailand will be readily visible on both the Bureau of Customs e-Phyto and BPI Trade System.

For records purposes, please disseminate this circular throughout your offices within fifteen (15) days from receipt hereof.

For your information and guidance.

**BIENVENIDO Y. RUBIO**  
Commissioner



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22 August 2024

**CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**

No. 150 - 2024

**To: All Collectors of Customs  
Importers, Customs Brokers, Brokers'  
Representatives and All Others Concerned**

In line with Customs Memorandum Order No. 14 - 2019, the Exchange Rate duly issued by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas on August 22, 2024 shall be the applicable Rate of Exchange for the week August 24, 2024 to August 30, 2024 for both the regular consumption entries (formal and informal), warehouse entries as well as withdrawal entries for shipments entered under warehousing.

COUNTRY	UNIT	PHIL. PESO EQUIVALENT
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**I. CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES WITH BANGKO SENTRAL:**

1 UNITED STATES	DOLLAR	56.4480
2 JAPAN	YEN	0.3888
3 UNITED KINGDOM	POUND	73.9130
4 HONGKONG	DOLLAR	7.2431
5 SWITZERLAND	FRANC	66.2924
6 CANADA	DOLLAR	41.5273
7 SINGAPORE	DOLLAR	43.2452
8 AUSTRALIA	DOLLAR	38.0572
9 BAHRAIN	DINAR*	149.7493
10 KUWAIT	DINAR	N/A
11 SAUDI ARABIA	RIYAL	15.0456
12 BRUNEI	DOLLAR	43.0802
13 INDONESIA	RUPIAH	0.0037
14 THAILAND	BAHT****	1.6496
15 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	DIRHAM	15.3708
16 EUROPEAN MONETARY UNION	EURO	62.9395
17 KOREA	WON	0.0423
18 CHINA	YUAN**	7.9169



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19 ARGENTINA	PESO	0.0598
20 BRAZIL	REAL	10.2949
21 DENMARK	KRONER	8.4335
22 INDIA	RUPEE	0.6729
23 MALAYSIA	RINGGIT	12.9024
24 MEXICO	NEW PESO	2.9301
25 NEW ZEALAND	DOLLAR	34.7381
26 NORWAY	KRONER	5.3823
27 PAKISTAN	RUPEE	0.2029
28 SOUTH AFRICA	RAND	3.1618
29 SWEDEN	KRONER	5.5439
30 SYRIA	POUND	0.0043
31 TAIWAN	NT DOLLAR	1.7679
32 VENEZUELA	BOLIVAR	1.5441

It shall be understood that the foreign currencies shall be converted directly into the Philippine Pesos rather than the old practice of converting first into U.S. Dollar.

All issuances inconsistent with this Order are hereby revoked.

This Order shall take effect August 22, 2024.

  
**ATTY. VENER S. BAQUIRAN**  
Deputy Commissioner, AOCG





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30 August 2024

**CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**

No. 153 - 2024

**To: All Collectors of Customs  
Importers, Customs Brokers, Brokers'  
Representatives and All Others Concerned**

In line with Customs Memorandum Order No. 14 - 2019, the Exchange Rate duly issued by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas on August 30, 2024 shall be the applicable Rate of Exchange for the week August 31, 2024 to September 06, 2024 for both the regular consumption entries (formal and informal), warehouse entries as well as withdrawal entries for shipments entered under warehousing.

COUNTRY	UNIT	PHIL. PESO EQUIVALENT
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**I. CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES WITH BANGKO SENTRAL:**

1 UNITED STATES	DOLLAR	56.2890
2 JAPAN	YEN	0.3882
3 UNITED KINGDOM	POUND	74.1495
4 HONGKONG	DOLLAR	7.2188
5 SWITZERLAND	FRANC	66.4648
6 CANADA	DOLLAR	41.7389
7 SINGAPORE	DOLLAR	43.2062
8 AUSTRALIA	DOLLAR	38.2540
9 BAHRAIN	DINAR*	149.4385
10 KUWAIT	DINAR	N/A
11 SAUDI ARABIA	RIYAL	15.0012
12 BRUNEI	DOLLAR	43.0410
13 INDONESIA	RUPIAH	0.0037
14 THAILAND	BAHT****	1.6602
15 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	DIRHAM	15.3268
16 EUROPEAN MONETARY UNION	EURO	62.3626
17 KOREA	WON	0.0423
18 CHINA	YUAN**	7.9303



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19 ARGENTINA	PESO	0.0593
20 BRAZIL	REAL	10.0005
21 DENMARK	KRONER	8.3613
22 INDIA	RUPEE	0.6711
23 MALAYSIA	RINGGIT	13.0661
24 MEXICO	NEW PESO	2.8379
25 NEW ZEALAND	DOLLAR	35.2257
26 NORWAY	KRONER	5.3727
27 PAKISTAN	RUPEE	0.2023
28 SOUTH AFRICA	RAND	3.1755
29 SWEDEN	KRONER	5.5181
30 SYRIA	POUND	0.0043
31 TAIWAN	NT DOLLAR	1.7661
32 VENEZUELA	BOLIVAR	1.5407

It shall be understood that the foreign currencies shall be converted directly into the Philippine Pesos rather than the old practice of converting first into U.S. Dollar.

All issuances inconsistent with this Order are hereby revoked.

This Order shall take effect August 30, 2024.

  
**ATTY. VENER S. BAQUIRAN**  
 Deputy Commissioner, AOCC



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30 August 2024

**CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**

NO. 154-2024

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

**SUBJECT :** MEMORANDUM FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY WITH  
SUBJECT: "EXPEDITED RELEASE OF FOREIGN RELIEF  
GOODS"

This has reference to the attached Memorandum (*Annex "A"*) dated 13 August 2024 from Executive Secretary Lucas P. Bersamin, ordering the Bureau of Customs (BOC) to ensure the timely, efficient, and proper release of Foreign Relief Goods, to wit:

- a. The BOC shall immediately process the release of Relief Consignments within twenty-four (24) hours from receipt of the Relief Consignment Supplemental Form;
- b. The Department of Finance (DOF) and BOC shall prioritize the processing of the release of relief goods under Section 800 (m) of Republic Act No. 10863 otherwise known as the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA); and
- c. The DOF, BOC, and Department of Social Welfare and Development, in close collaboration with other relevant agencies and offices, shall further streamline, harmonize and digitize the clearance procedure for Foreign Relief Goods. In this regard, the existing policy guidelines may be revised accordingly.

The Executive Secretary is constrained from favorably acting on the Memorandum dated 16 July 2024 from Secretary Ernesto V. Perez, Anti-Red Tape Authority, requesting the issuance of an Administrative Order creating an Inter-Agency Committee that will establish a Green Lane for the clearance procedure of foreign donated relief goods under Sections 120, 121 and 800 (m) of the CMTA ("Foreign Relief Goods").



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In view of the foregoing, you are hereby directed to submit a comprehensive report on the actions taken in compliance with the foregoing directives within thirty (30) days from receipt of the attached Memorandum (*Annex "A"*).

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 information and compliance.

BIENVENIDO Y. RUBIO  
Commissioner



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Office of the President  
Malacañang

MEMORANDUM FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

TO : SECRETARY ENRIQUE A. MANALO  
Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA)

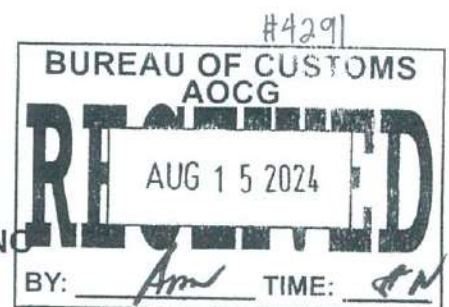
SECRETARY RALPH G. RECTO  
Department of Finance (DOF)

SECRETARY REX T. GATCHALIAN  
Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)

DIRECTOR GENERAL ERNESTO V. PEREZ  
Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA)

COMMISSIONER BIENVENIDO Y. RUBIO  
Bureau of Customs (BOC)

UNDERSECRETARY ARIEL F. NEPOMUCENO  
Office of Civil Defense (OCD)



SUBJECT : EXPEDITED RELEASE OF FOREIGN RELIEF GOODS

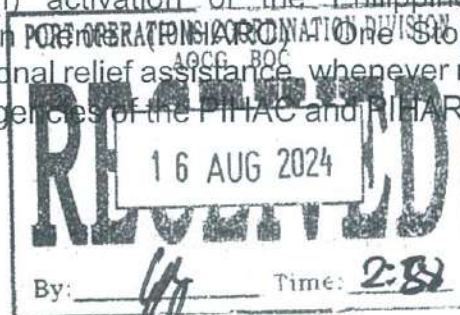
DATE : AUG 13 2024

This refers to the Memorandum dated 16 July 2024 from ARTA Secretary Ernesto V. Perez, requesting the issuance of an Administrative Order (AO) creating an Inter-Agency Committee that will establish a Green Lane for the clearance procedure of foreign donated relief goods under Sections 120, 121 and 800(m) of Republic Act (RA) No. 10863 or the "Customs Modernization and Tariff Act" ("Foreign Relief Goods").

Upon evaluation, taking into consideration the comments of the DOF and BOC, please be informed that this Office is constrained from favorably acting on the abovementioned request.

Nevertheless, to ensure the timely, efficient, and proper release of Foreign Relief Goods, the following are hereby ordered, subject to existing laws, rules, and regulations:

- Philippine International Humanitarian Assistance Center (PIHAC).** The member-agencies of PIHAC shall promptly and actively participate in the performance of PIHAC's duties and functions;
- DFA.** As the lead agency, the DFA shall immediately convene PIHAC in times of calamities to prepare for the: (i) activation of the Philippine International Humanitarian Assistance Reception and Distribution One Stop Shop (OSS) Facilities; and (ii) calling for international relief assistance, whenever necessary. The DFA shall ensure that all member-agencies of the PIHAC and PIHARC are apprised of this Memorandum;





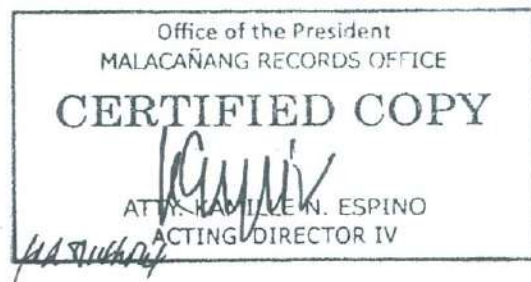
- c. **National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (NDRRMC).** The NDRRMC shall promptly activate PIHARC-OSS Facilities upon declaration of a national or local state of calamity by relevant authorities;
- d. **PIHARC-OSS.** The member-agencies of PIHARC-OSS shall: (i) immediately send their official representatives to PIHARC-OSS Facilities within 24 hours upon activation; (ii) expedite the processing of required clearances; and (iii) ensure that they have available representatives to facilitate applicants 24 hours a day and 7 days a week;
- e. **BOC.** The BOC shall immediately process the release of Relief Consignments within 24 hours from receipt of the Relief Consignment Supplemental Form;
- f. **DOF and BOC.** The DOF and BOC shall prioritize the processing of the release of relief goods under Section 800(m) of RA No. 10863; and
- g. **DOF, DSWD, BOC.** As may be necessary, the DOF, DSWD, BOC, in close collaboration with other relevant agencies and offices, shall further streamline, harmonize, and digitize the clearance procedure for Foreign Relief Goods. In this regard, the existing policy guidelines may be revised accordingly.

For this purpose, the abovementioned agencies and offices shall, within 30 days from receipt of this Memorandum, jointly submit a comprehensive report on the actions taken in compliance with the foregoing directives.

For information and strict compliance.

By authority of the President:

  
LUCAS P. BERSAMIN





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**CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
**NO. 155-2024**

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

**SUBJECT :** DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE (DOF) DEPARTMENT ORDER  
NO. 066.2024

Attached herewith is the Department Order No. 066.2024 dated 15 August 2024 from the Department of Finance regarding the designation of the Undersecretary of the Corporate Sector and Strategic Infrastructure Group (CSSIG) as the **Primary Alternate** of the Secretary of Finance to the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation Board.

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 information and reference.

**BIENVENIDO Y. RUBIO**  
Commissioner



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**CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
**NO. 156-2024**

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

**SUBJECT :** EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 65

Attached herewith is the Executive Order No. 65 dated 06 August 2024 from the Office of the President, Malacañan Palace entitled: **"APPROVING THE MERGER OF THE LBP LEASING AND FINANCE CORPORATION (LLFC) AND UCPB LEASING AND FINANCE CORPORATION (ULFC), WITH LLFC AS THE SURVIVING ENTITY"**.

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 information and reference.

**BIENVENIDO Y. RUBIO**  
Commissioner



*[Signature]*  
SEP 05 2024



MALACAÑAN PALACE  
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 65

**APPROVING THE MERGER OF THE LBP LEASING AND FINANCE CORPORATION (LLFC) AND UCPB LEASING AND FINANCE CORPORATION (ULFC), WITH THE LLFC AS THE SURVIVING ENTITY**

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order (EO) No. 142 (s. 2021) approved the merger between United Coconut Planters Bank (UCPB) and Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP), with LBP as the surviving entity;

**WHEREAS**, the said merger between UCPB and LBP transferred all assets and liabilities of the UCPB to the LBP, including its ownership shares in ULFC, making the latter a subsidiary of LBP;

**WHEREAS**, Section 5(a) of Republic Act (RA) No. 10149 or the "GOCC Governance Act of 2011" empowers the Governance Commission for GOCCs (GCG), in consultation with the department or agency to which a GOCC is attached, to determine whether a GOCC should be reorganized, merged, streamlined, abolished or privatized;

**WHEREAS**, LLFC and ULFC, both attached to the Department of Finance (DOF), are finance and leasing corporations, extending credit to businesses for the acquisition of equipment and other assets;

**WHEREAS**, the GCG *en banc* finds the merger of LLFC and ULFC to be in the best interest of the State, to eliminate unnecessary overlap in the mandates and functions of LLFC and ULFC;

**WHEREAS**, the GCG *en banc* has further determined that ULFC is no longer achieving its expected objectives and purpose as a GOCC;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 5(a) of RA No. 10149, the GCG *en banc*, with the concurrence of the DOF and Department of Budget and Management, and in consultation with the LBP, Commission on Audit, Securities and Exchange Commission, and *Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas*, recommended the merger of LLFC and ULFC, with LLFC as the surviving corporation; and

THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES



**WHEREAS**, Section 17, Article VII of the Constitution provides that the President shall have control of all executive departments, bureaus and offices, and shall ensure the faithful execution of laws;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND R. MARCOS, JR.**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby order:

**Section 1. Merger of LLFC and ULFC.** The merger of LLFC and ULFC, with LLFC as the surviving entity, is hereby approved, subject to relevant laws, rules and regulations.

LLFC and ULFC shall, in consultation with the GCG, determine the mode of the merger and implement the same with the approval of relevant regulatory agencies. All assets and liabilities of ULFC shall be transferred to LLFC.

**Section 2. Compliance with Relevant Laws and Accounting and Auditing Standards.** The GCG, LLFC and ULFC shall ensure that the merger between LLFC and ULFC complies with the following:

- a. RA No. 11232 or the "Revised Corporation Code of the Philippines;"
- b. RA No. 10667 or the "Philippine Competition Act;" and
- c. Such other applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

In the implementation of the herein merger, LLFC and ULFC shall likewise ensure compliance with applicable accounting and auditing standards, rules, and policies.

**Section 3. Integration Plan.** To effectively implement the merger and carry-out the provisions of this Order, LLFC and ULFC shall prepare and implement an integration plan, in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations.

**Section 4. Reorganization and Absorption of Qualified Officers and Employees.** Within one (1) year from the effectivity of this Order, LLFC shall submit its proposed reorganization plan to the GCG, as approved by the LLFC Board of Directors, subject to the principles and standards under RA No. 10149 and such other applicable laws, rules and regulations.

In addition to retirement or separation benefits under existing laws and regulations, the ULFC Board of Directors is hereby authorized to adopt a separation incentive package for affected officers and personnel of ULFC, using as reference the rates prescribed under EO No. 150 (s. 2021), and in accordance with other applicable laws, rules and regulations.

Whenever applicable, affected officials and personnel of ULFC may be hired by LLFC, subject to the possession of the necessary service eligibility and other requirements prescribed for the position.



**Section 5. Agency Support.** All relevant departments, agencies, bureaus, offices and instrumentalities shall provide full support and assistance to ensure the effective implementation of this Order.

**Section 6. Separability.** If any section or part of this Order is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 7. Repeal.** All orders, rules, regulations, and issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Order, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**Section 8. Effectivity.** This Order shall take effect immediately upon publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 06 day of August, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.

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By the President:

*[Handwritten signature of Lucas P. Bersamin]*  
LUCAS P. BERSAMIN  
Executive Secretary



Office of the President  
MALACAÑANG RECORDS OFFICE  
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ATTE: RAMON N. ESPINO  
ACTING DIRECTOR IV





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06 September 2024

**CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**

No. 157-2024

**To: All Collectors of Customs  
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Representatives and All Others Concerned**

In line with Customs Memorandum Order No. 14 - 2019, the Exchange Rate duly issued by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas on September 06, 2024 shall be the applicable Rate of Exchange for the week September 07, 2024 to September 13, 2024 for both the regular consumption entries (formal and informal), warehouse entries as well as withdrawal entries for shipments entered under warehousing.

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**ATTY. VENER S. BAQUIRAN**  
Deputy Commissioner, AOCG







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**CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**

No. 158 - 2024

To: **All Collectors of Customs  
Importers, Customs Brokers, Brokers'  
Representatives and All Others Concerned**

In line with Customs Memorandum Order No. 14 - 2019, the Exchange Rate duly issued by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas on September 13, 2024 shall be the applicable Rate of Exchange for the week September 14, 2024 to September 20, 2024 for both the regular consumption entries (formal and informal), warehouse entries as well as withdrawal entries for shipments entered under warehousing.

COUNTRY	UNIT	PHIL. PESO EQUIVALENT
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**I. CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES WITH BANGKO SENTRAL:**

1 UNITED STATES	DOLLAR	56.0690
2 JAPAN	YEN	0.3953
3 UNITED KINGDOM	POUND	73.5906
4 HONGKONG	DOLLAR	7.1863
5 SWITZERLAND	FRANC	65.8937
6 CANADA	DOLLAR	41.2879
7 SINGAPORE	DOLLAR	43.0571
8 AUSTRALIA	DOLLAR	37.6840
9 BAHRAIN	DINAR*	148.7834
10 KUWAIT	DINAR	N/A
11 SAUDI ARABIA	RIYAL	14.9414
12 BRUNEI	DOLLAR	42.8924
13 INDONESIA	RUPIAH	0.0036
14 THAILAND	BAHT****	1.6772
15 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	DIRHAM	15.2664
16 EUROPEAN MONETARY UNION	EURO	62.0964
17 KOREA	WON	0.0420
18 CHINA	YUAN**	7.8779



## II. OTHERS (NOT CONVERTIBLE WITH BSP)

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19 ARGENTINA	PESO	0.0584
20 BRAZIL	REAL	9.9643
21 DENMARK	KRONER	8.3213
22 INDIA	RUPEE	0.6681
23 MALAYSIA	RINGGIT	12.9400
24 MEXICO	NEW PESO	2.8767
25 NEW ZEALAND	DOLLAR	34.6619
26 NORWAY	KRONER	5.2357
27 PAKISTAN	RUPEE	0.2017
28 SOUTH AFRICA	RAND	3.1540
29 SWEDEN	KRONER	5.4584
30 SYRIA	POUND	0.0043
31 TAIWAN	NT DOLLAR	1.7474
32 VENEZUELA	BOLIVAR	1.5299

It shall be understood that the foreign currencies shall be converted directly into the Philippine Pesos rather than the old practice of converting first into U.S. Dollar.

All issuances inconsistent with this Order are hereby revoked.

This Order shall take effect September 13, 2024.

  
**ATTY. VENER S. BAQUIRAN**  
Deputy Commissioner, AOCC







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**CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
NO. 159-2024

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

**SUBJECT :** ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 24

Attached herewith is Administrative Order No. 24 dated 27 August 2024 from Office of the President, Malacañan Palace entitled: **"INSTITUTIONALIZING THE USE OF THE ELECTRONIC TRAVEL INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR INTERNATIONAL INBOUND AND OUTBOUND PASSENGERS AND CREW MEMBERS"**.

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 information and reference.

**BIENVENIDO Y. RUBIO**  
Commissioner



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**Office of the President**  
**Malacañang**

Manila, 30 August 2024

**COMMISSIONER BIENVENIDO Y. RUBIO**

Bureau of Customs  
Port Area, Manila

**Sir:**

I have the honor to transmit for your information and guidance, a certified copy of Administrative Order No. 24 dated August 27, 2024 entitled **"INSTITUTIONALIZING THE USE OF THE ELECTRONIC TRAVEL INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR INTERNATIONAL INBOUND AND OUTBOUND PASSENGERS AND CREW MEMBERS"**.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

*K. Espino*  
**ATTY. KAMILLE N. ESPINO**  
Acting Director IV







MALACAÑAN PALACE  
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 24

**INSTITUTIONALIZING THE USE OF THE ELECTRONIC TRAVEL  
INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR INTERNATIONAL INBOUND AND  
OUTBOUND PASSENGERS AND CREW MEMBERS**

**WHEREAS**, Section 12, Article XIV of the Constitution provides that the State shall regulate the transfer and promote the adaptation of technology from all sources for national benefit;

**WHEREAS**, under Section 2 of Republic Act (RA) No. 10173 or the "Data Privacy Act of 2012," the State recognizes the vital role of information and communications technology in nation-building and its inherent obligation to ensure that personal information in information and communications systems in the government and in the private sector are secured and protected;

**WHEREAS**, Section 6 of RA No. 10844 or the "Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) Act of 2015" empowers the DICT to implement national policies, plans, programs, and guidelines that will promote the development and use of information and communications technology;

**WHEREAS**, Section 31, Chapter 10, Title III, Book IV of Executive Order (EO) No. 292 or the "Administrative Code of 1987" mandates the Bureau of Immigration (BI) to administer and enforce immigration, citizenship, and alien admission and registration laws in accordance with the provisions of the Philippine Commonwealth Act No. 613 or the "Immigration Act of 1940," as amended;

**WHEREAS**, Section 3 of RA No. 9271 or the "Quarantine Act of 2004" vests the Bureau of Quarantine (BOQ) with authority to examine entry and exit of incoming and outgoing passengers and crew members to ensure security against introduction and spread of infectious and emerging diseases, and public health emergencies of international concern;

**WHEREAS**, Section 437 of RA No. 10863 or the "Customs Modernization and Tariff Act" requires the Bureau of Customs (BOC) to provide simplified customs clearance procedures for passengers and baggage processing, in accordance with international agreements, and customs best practices;

**WHEREAS**, Section 6 of RA No. 9593 or the "Tourism Act of 2009," as amended by RA No. 11262, authorizes the Department of Tourism (DOT) to undertake research

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studies and surveys to analyze the country's travel conditions and trends relating to tourism;

**WHEREAS**, Section 5 of RA No. 11641 or the "Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) Act" mandates the DMW to promote, administer, and undertake systems that will regulate, manage, and monitor overseas employment of Filipino workers;

**WHEREAS**, on 5 December 2022, the DICT, BI, DOT, BOQ, and BOC launched a unified and integrated digital data collection platform known as the Electronic Travel Information (eTravel) System to streamline various travel declaration procedures for international inbound passengers;

**WHEREAS**, on 15 April 2023, the abovementioned agencies expanded the eTravel System to cover all international inbound and outbound passengers and crew members arriving to and departing from the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to institutionalize the use of eTravel System as the government's one-stop electronic travel declaration system for all international inbound and outbound passengers and crew members, for the purpose of ensuring efficiency in the conduct of border control, health surveillance, tourism statistics analysis, and other travel related procedures;

**WHEREAS**, under Section 2 of RA No. 9485 or the "Anti-Red Tape Act of 2007," as amended by RA No. 11032 or the "Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018," the State shall take appropriate measures to promote transparency in each agency with regard to the manner of transacting with the public, which shall encompass initiating and maintaining a program for the adoption of simplified procedures that will reduce red tape and expedite business and non-business related transactions in government; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 17, Article VII of the 1987 Constitution vests in the President the power of control over all Executive departments, bureaus, and offices, and the mandate to ensure the faithful execution of laws;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND R. MARCOS, JR.**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby order:

**Section 1. Institutionalization of eTravel System.** The eTravel System is hereby institutionalized as the government's one-stop electronic travel declaration system for all international inbound and outbound passengers and crew members. It shall be used by the government to efficiently conduct border control, health surveillance, tourism statistics analysis, and other travel related procedures.

**Section 2. Technical Working Group.** A Technical Working Group (TWG) on eTravel System is hereby created to study and, as may be necessary, adopt measures that will further improve the eTravel System, including its usage, management, and operation, subject to existing laws, rules and regulations.

The TWG shall be composed of DICT as Chairperson, BI as Co-Chairperson, and the following as Members: (a) DOT; (b) DMW; (c) Department of Transportation (DOTr); (d) BOQ; and (e) BOC.



**Section 3. Convergence.** All relevant departments, agencies, bureaus, offices and instrumentalities shall provide full support to, and cooperation with the TWG to ensure effective implementation of this Order.

For this purpose, the TWG and all relevant departments, agencies, bureaus, offices and instrumentalities shall ensure compliance with RA No. 10173 in the implementation of this Order, as well the usage, management and operation of the eTravel System.

**Section 4. Funding.** The funding requirements for the implementation of this Order shall be charged against current and available appropriations of DICT, BI, DOT, DMW, DOTr, BOQ, and BOC, subject to pertinent budgeting, accounting, and auditing laws, rules and regulations. Thereafter, the funding requirements necessary for the continued implementation of this Order shall be included in the budget proposals of said agencies, subject to the usual budget preparation process.

**Section 5. Separability.** If any part or provision of this Order shall be held invalid or unconstitutional, the provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 6. Repeal.** All orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Order, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

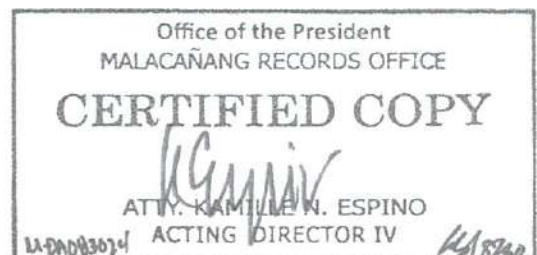
**Section 7. Effectivity.** This Order shall take effect immediately upon publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

**DONE**, in the City of Manila, this 27th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.


By the President:

  
LUCAS P. BERSAMIN  
Executive Secretary





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**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** ALL DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS  
ALL DISTRICT and SUPPORT COLLECTORS  
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

**FROM :**  **MICHAEL C. FERMIN**  
Acting Deputy Commissioner, MISTG

**SUBJECT :** IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY –  
OIL INDUSTRY MANAGEMENT BUREAU (DOE-OIMB)  
DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR DC 2024-05-0014: "GUIDELINES  
ON BIOFUEL BLEND IMPLEMENTATION"

**DATE :** 21 AUGUST 2024

In accordance with the instruction of the Commissioner and the **DOE-OIMB DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR 2024-05-0014**, please be informed that the adjustment of the **Fuel Marking Fee (FMF)** calculation for the following diesel products will be implemented in the E2M System on **01 September 2024 (Sunday)**:

Petroleum Product Subject to Fuel Marking	HS Code	HS Description	Applicable Volume Adjustment	
			From	To
Diesel	2710.19.71	Diesel fuel: Automotive diesel fuel	1.02	1.03
	2710.19.72	Diesel fuel: Other diesel fuels	1.02	1.03

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FROM Memo No. 42-2024  
**MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** ALL DISTRICT AND SUB-PORT COLLECTORS  
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

**FROM :** BIENVENIDO Y. RUBIO  
Commissioner *[Signature]* AUG 22 2024

**SUBJECT :** VAPORIZED NICOTINE AND NON-NICOTINE  
PRODUCTS

**DATE :** August 22, 2024

All are enjoined to implement strict enforcement measures to curb all smuggling attempts to illegally import unregistered and uncertified Vaporized Nicotine and Non-Nicotine Products through misdeclaration and other fraudulent schemes, with stern warning that any Bureau official and personnel found conspiring with importers illegally smuggling unregistered and uncertified Vaporized Nicotine and Non-Nicotine Products will be dealt with seriously.

For strict compliance.





OCOM Memo No. 45-2024

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** ALL DISTRICT COLLECTORS  
ALL SUB-PORT COLLECTORS  
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

**FROM :** BIENVENIDO Y. RUBIO SEP 11 2024  
Commissioner

**SUBJECT :** ACCREDITATION OF ALL CUSTOMS FACILITIES AND  
WAREHOUSES (CFW)

**DATE :** 04 SEPTEMBER 2024

Pursuant to Customs Memorandum Order (CMO) No. 18-2022 with subject, "Rules and Regulations on the Establishment, Supervision, Operation and Control of Customs Facilities and Warehouses (CFWs) Pursuant to Customs Administrative Order (CAO) No. 09-2019" and CAO No. 09-2019 with subject, "Establishment, Maintenance and Operations of CFWs", you are hereby directed to identify all active/operating Off-Dock Container Freight Stations, Airport Temporary Storage Warehouses, Container Yards, Container Depots, Inland Container Terminals, Terminal Facilities, Wharves and other types of CFWs that are operating but not yet registered and authorized to operate within your jurisdiction.

Submit the identified CFWs to this Office with the following information, to wit:

- Name of CFW;
- Type of CFW;
- Focal Person, Designation, Contact Number; and
- Address

Once identified, you are hereby directed to explain why these identified CFWs are active/operating without the authority to operate and you are required to notify the identified CFWs to apply for the authority to operate and register as CFW.

For strict compliance.



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**MEMORANDUM**

BOC-09-50167

**TO :** ALL DISTRICT COLLECTORS  
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**FROM :** **ATTY. VENER S. BAQUIRAN**  
Deputy Commissioner *9f*  
Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group

**SUBJECT :** **FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA)**  
**RECOMMENDATION FOR THE RELEASE OF DONATED**  
**FOOD PRODUCTS FROM FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN**  
**TO INTERNATIONAL CARE MINISTRIES FOUNDATION, INC.**  
**(ICMFI)**

**DATE :** **21 August 2024**

Forwarding the herein attached letter dated from July 05, 2024 from Director Pilar Marilyn M. Pagayunan, Center for Food Regulation and Research, FDA, addressed to Mr. Edgardo Sta. Ana, Logistics Manager, ICMFI recommending clearance for the release of the following donated food products from Feed My Starving Children to ICMFI:

Date	Invoice Number	Product Name	Quantity	Expiry Date
05 July 2024	TUT/008/24-25 dated 22 June 2024	Ready to Use Therapeutic Food RUTF (ProActiva 500 UNICEF Standard Specification)	500 x 150 sachets	May 2026

The release of the donated food product shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. The products shall have been inspected and cleared by a representative from the FDA – Regional Field Office;
2. The clearance shall solely be for the release of the products from this Bureau and shall not be construed as an authorization for its distribution, sale, offer for sales, and use;
3. FDA shall not be held liable for any damage, injury, illness, death that may result from the distribution and use of the donated food products; and
4. The clearance is without prejudice to existing tariff rules and customs regulations.

For information and appropriate action.



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05 July 2024

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**MR. EDGARDO STA. ANA**  
 ICMFI Logistics Manager  
**International Care Ministries Foundation, Inc.**  
 Unit W-1701, 1708, 1709, 1710 17<sup>th</sup> Floor,  
 Philippine Stock Exchange Center Exchange Road,  
 Ortigas Center, Pasig City, Philippines



Dear Mr. Sta. Ana:

Please be informed that this Office recommends the release of the following food products donated by Feed My Starving Children -401 93rd Avenue NW Coon Rapids, MN 55433 USA to **INTERNATIONAL CARE MINISTRIES FOUNDATION, INC.** located at Unit W-1701, 1708, 1709, 1710 17<sup>th</sup> Floor, Philippine Stock Exchange Center Exchange Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City, Philippines:

Product Name	Quantity	Expiry Date
Ready to Use Therapeutic Food RUTF (ProActiva 500 UNICEF Standard Specification)	500 x 150 sachets	May 2026
Invoice Number TUT/008/24-25 dated 22 June 2024		

The release of said donated food products is on the condition that the said product **shall have been inspected and cleared** by a representative from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) – Regional Field Office.

This clearance shall only be for the RELEASE of the product from the Bureau of Customs and shall not be construed as an authorization for its distribution, sale, offer for sales and use. FDA shall not be held liable for any damage, injury, illness, death that may result from the distribution and use of the donated food product.

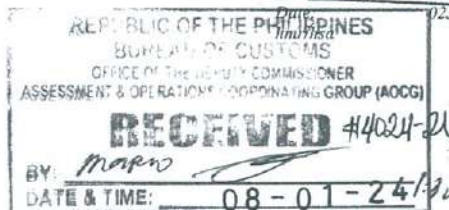
This clearance is without prejudice to existing tariff rules and customs regulations.

For inspection schedule, please contact the FDA – Regional Field Office at [rfoncr@fda.gov.ph](mailto:rfoncr@fda.gov.ph).

Very truly yours,

**PILAR MARILYN M. PAGAYUNAN**  
 Director IV  
 Center for Food Regulation and Research

cc: ALELI ANNIE GRACE P. SUDIACAL, MD, MPH, CESE  
 Director IV, Bureau of International Health Cooperation  
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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** ALL DISTRICT COLLECTORS  
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**FROM :** **ATTY. VENER S. BAQUIRAN**  
Deputy Commissioner   
Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group

**SUBJECT :** **FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA)**  
**RECOMMENDATION FOR THE RELEASE OF DONATED**  
**FOOD PRODUCTS FROM CONVOY OF HOPE, USA TO THE**  
**CONVOY OF HOPE PHILIPPINES, INC. (COHPI)**

**DATE :** **12 August 2024**

Forwarding the herein attached letters dated June 11, 2024 and June 13, 2024 from Director Pilar Marilyn M. Pagayunan, Center for Food Regulation and Research, FDA, addressed to Mr. Luis Jose Raymundo S. Sasuman, Chief of Operations and Finance, COHPI, recommending clearance for the release of the following donated food products from Convoy of Hope, USA to COHPI:

Date	Container Number	Seal Number	Product Name	Quantity	Expiry Date
11 June 2024	MSDU 4327882	1635732	Fortified Rice & Soy Protein Meal	1,320 cases	Earliest of which is June 2025
13 June 2024	TCKU 9597048	2254661	Fortified Rice & Soy Protein Meal	1,320 cases	Earliest of which is March 2025

The release of the donated food products shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. The products shall have been inspected and cleared by a representative from the FDA – Regional Field Office;
2. The clearance shall solely be for the release of the products from this Bureau and shall not be construed as an authorization for its distribution, sale, offer for sales, and use;



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3. FDA shall not be held liable for any damage, injury, illness, death that may result from the distribution and use of the donated food products; and
4. The clearance is without prejudice to existing tariff rules and customs regulations.

For information and appropriate action.



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11 June 2024

09-49816

**MR. LUIS JOSE RAYMUNDO S. SASUMAN**

Chief of Operations and Finance

**Convoy of Hope Philippines, Inc.**1924, Taft Avenue corner Bernabe Street,  
Brgy. 044, Pasay CityDear **Mr. Sasuman**:

Please be informed that this Office recommends the release of the following food product donated by Convoy of Hope – 330 S. Patterson Springfield, MO 65802, US to **CONVOY OF HOPE PHILIPPINES, INC.** located at Municipal Nursery, Sta. Rosa 1, Marilao, Bulacan, Philippines:

Product Name	Quantity	Expiry Date
Fortified Rice & Soy Protein Meal	1,320 cases	Earliest of which is June 2025
Container Number MSDU 4327882		Seal Number 1635732

The release of said donated food products is on the condition that the said product **shall have been inspected and cleared** by a representative from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) – Regional Field Office.

This clearance shall only be for the RELEASE of the product from the Bureau of Customs and shall not be construed as an authorization for its distribution, sale, offer for sales and use. FDA shall not be held liable for any damage, injury, illness, death that may result from the distribution and use of the donated food product.

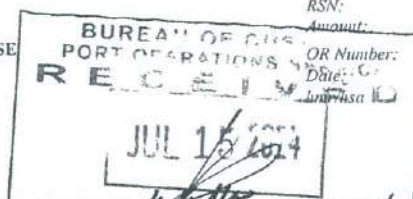
This clearance is without prejudice to existing tariff rules and customs regulations.

For inspection schedule, please contact the FDA – Regional Field Office at [rfoncr@fda.gov.ph](mailto:rfoncr@fda.gov.ph) or [rfoiii@fda.gov.ph](mailto:rfoiii@fda.gov.ph).

Very truly yours,

**PILAR MARILYN M. PAGAYUNAN**  
 Director IV  
 Center for Food Regulation and Research

cc: ALELI ANNIE GRACE P. SUDIACAL, MD, MPH, CESE  
 Director IV, Bureau of International Health Cooperation  
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**MR. LUIS JOSE RAYMUNDO S. SASUMAN**

Chief of Operations and Finance

**Convoy of Hope Philippines, Inc.**1924, Taft Avenue corner Bernabe Street,  
Brgy. 044, Pasay City

Dear Mr. Sasuman:

Please be informed that this Office recommends the release of the following food product donated by Convoy of Hope – 330 S. Patterson Springfield, MO 65802, US to **CONVOY OF HOPE PHILIPPINES, INC.** located at Municipal Nursery, Sta. Rosa 1, Marilao, Bulacan, Philippines:

Product Name	Quantity	Expiry Date
Fortified Rice & Soy Protein Meal	1,320 cases	Earliest of which is March 2025
Container Number TCKU 9597048		Seal Number 2254661

The release of said donated food products is on the condition that the said product **shall have been inspected and cleared** by a representative from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) – Regional Field Office.

This clearance shall only be for the RELEASE of the product from the Bureau of Customs and shall not be construed as an authorization for its distribution, sale, offer for sales and use. FDA shall not be held liable for any damage, injury, illness, death that may result from the distribution and use of the donated food product.

This clearance is without prejudice to existing tariff rules and customs regulations.

For inspection schedule, please contact the FDA – Regional Field Office at [rfoncr@fda.gov.ph](mailto:rfoncr@fda.gov.ph) or [rfoiii@fda.gov.ph](mailto:rfoiii@fda.gov.ph).

Very truly yours,

  
**PILAR MARILYN M. PAGAYUNAN**  
 Director IV  
 Center for Food Regulation and Research


cc: ALELI ANNIE GRACE P. SUDIACAL, MD, MPH, CESE  
 Director IV, Bureau of International Health Cooperation  
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**MEMORANDUM**

BOC-09-49817

**TO :** ALL DISTRICT COLLECTORS  
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**FROM :** **ATTY. VENER S. BAQUIRAN**  
Deputy Commissioner *7/19*  
Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group

**SUBJECT :** **FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA)**  
**RECOMMENDATION FOR THE RELEASE OF DONATED**  
**FOOD PRODUCTS FROM CONVOY OF HOPE, USA TO**  
**HAPPY HORIZONS CHILDREN'S RANCH**

**DATE :** **12 August 2024**

Forwarding the herein attached letters dated June 11, 2024 and July 05 2024 from Director Pilar Marilyn M. Pagayunan, Center for Food Regulation and Research, FDA, addressed to Mr. John Williford, Authorized Representative, Happy Horizons Children's Ranch, recommending clearance for the release of the following donated food products from Convoy of Hope, USA to HAPPY HORIZONS CHILDREN'S RANCH:

Date	Container Number	Seal Number	Product Name	Quantity	Expiry Date
11 June 2024	HAMU 1387579	UL-2585972	Fortified Rice and Soy Protein Meal	1,320 cases	February 2026
05 July 2024	TGHU 5079582	UL-0819201	Fortified Rice and Soy Protein Meal	1,260 cases	April 2027

The release of the donated food products shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. The products shall have been inspected and cleared by a representative from the FDA – Regional Field Office.
2. The clearance shall solely be for the release of the products from this Bureau and shall not be construed as an authorization for its distribution, sale, offer for sales, and use;
3. FDA shall not be held liable for any damage, injury, illness, death that may result from the distribution and use of the donated food products; and
4. The clearance is without prejudice to existing tariff rules and customs regulations.

For information and appropriate action.

09-49817

11 June 2024

**MR. JOHN WILLIFORD**  
 Authorized Representative  
**Happy Horizons Children's Ranch**  
 Bunga, Toledo City,  
 Cebu City, Philippines



Dear Mr. Williford:

Please be informed that this Office recommends the release of the following food products donated by Convoy of Hope – 330 S. Patterson Avenue, Springfield, MO 65802 to **HAPPY HORIZONS CHILDREN'S RANCH** located at Bunga, Toledo City, Cebu, Philippines:

Product Name	Quantity	Expiry Date
Fortified Rice and Soy Protein Meal	1,320 cases	Earliest of which is February 2026
Container Number HAMU 1387579		
Seal Number UL-2585972		

The release of said donated food products is on the condition that the said product shall have been inspected and cleared by a representative from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) – Regional Field Office.

This clearance shall only be for the RELEASE of the product from the Bureau of Customs and shall not be construed as an authorization for its distribution, sale, offer for sales and use. FDA shall not be held liable for any damage, injury, illness, death that may result from the distribution and use of the donated food product.

This clearance is without prejudice to existing tariff rules and customs regulations.

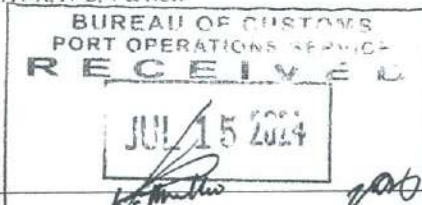
For inspection schedule, please contact the FDA – RFO at [rfoncr@fda.gov.ph](mailto:rfoncr@fda.gov.ph).

Very truly yours,

  
**PILAR MARILYN M. PAGAYUNAN**  
 Director IV  
 Center for Food Regulation and Research

RSN: 20240530093250  
 Amount: PHP 510  
 OR Number: 60000  
 Date: 30 May 2024  
 hmr/lisa

cc: ALELI ANNIE GRACE P. SUDIACAL, MD, MPH, CESE  
 Director IV, Bureau of International Health Cooperation  
 COMMISSIONER BIENVENIDO Y. RUBIO  
 Commissioner, Bureau of Customs  
 ARNOLD G. ALINDADA, Dr. HCM, MPH, RMT  
 Director II, SLC, Region IV-A, IV-B, V & NCR







05 July 2024

09-50166

**MR. JOHN WILLIFORD**  
Authorized Representative  
**Happy Horizons Children's Ranch**  
Bunga, Toledo City,  
Cebu City, Philippines



Dear Mr. Williford:

Please be informed that this Office recommends the release of the following food products donated by Convoy of Hope – 330 S. Patterson Avenue, Springfield, MO 65802 to **HAPPY HORIZONS CHILDREN'S RANCH** located at Bunga, Toledo City, Cebu, Philippines:

Product Name	Quantity	Expiry Date
Fortified Rice and Soy Protein Meal	1,260 cases	April 2027
Container Number TGHU 5079582		
Seal Number UL-0819201		

The release of said donated food products is on the condition that the said product shall have been inspected and cleared by a representative from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) – Regional Field Office.

This clearance shall only be for the **RELEASE** of the product from the Bureau of Customs and shall not be construed as an authorization for its distribution, sale, offer for sales and use. FDA shall not be held liable for any damage, injury, illness, death that may result from the distribution and use of the donated food product.

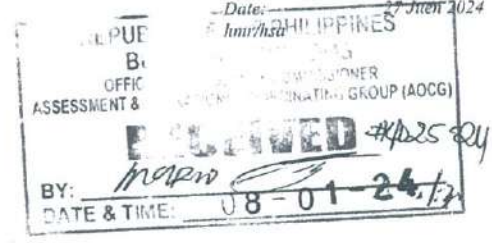
This clearance is without prejudice to existing tariff rules and customs regulations.

For inspection schedule, please contact the FDA – RFO at [rfoncr@fda.gov.ph](mailto:rfoncr@fda.gov.ph).

Very truly yours,

**PILAR MARILYN M. PAGAYUNAN**  
Director IV  
Center for Food Regulation and Research

cc: ALELI ANNIE GRACE P. SUDIACAL, MD, MPH, CESE  
Director IV, Bureau of International Health Cooperation  
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BOC-09-49818

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** ALL DISTRICT COLLECTORS  
ALL SUB-PORT COLLECTORS  
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

**FROM :** **ATTY. VENER S. BAQUIRAN**  
Deputy Commissioner  
Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group

**SUBJECT :** **FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA)**  
**RECOMMENDATION FOR THE RELEASE OF DONATED**  
**PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS FROM VITAMIN ANGELS,**  
**USA TO VITAMIN ANGEL ALLIANCE, INC.**

**DATE :** **21 August 2024**

Forwarding the herein attached letter dated 19 June 2024 from Director Maria Cecilia C. Matienzo, Center for Drug Regulation and Research, FDA, addressed to Ms. Luz R. Escubil, Country Program Manager, Vitamin Angel Alliance, recommending clearance for the release of the following pharmaceutical products as donation from Vitamin Angels, USA, to Vitamin Angel Alliance, Inc.:

Product Description (Generic/Dosage Strength and Form/Brand)	Batch/Lot No.	Expiry Date	Quantity
<b>Multivitamins + Minerals Tablet</b> (Women's Prenatal Multiple Macronutrient Supplement) <b>Packaging:</b> White HDPE Plastic Bottle with Plastic Screw-Cap x 180 Tablets <b>Manufactured by:</b> Contract Pharmacal Corporation – 135 Adams ave., Hauppauge, NY 11788 <b>Storage Conditions:</b> Store at temperatures between 15-30°C	361151 378360	30 April 2026	56,070 bottles 221,760 bottles

The release of the donated pharmaceutical products, intended for children, is on the condition that:

1. The said products shall have a shelf-life of not less than 12 months at the time of arrival;



2. The labels (primary, secondary, and product information) shall be in the English language; and
3. The clearance is without prejudice to tariff rules and customs regulations.

For information and appropriate action.

## CLEARANCE LETTER

09-49818

19 June 2024

LUZ R. ESCUBIL

Country Program Manager

Vitamin Angel Alliance, Inc.

Unit D, Lot 9, Block 6, Almond Nut St. Marikina East  
Subdivision, San Roque Marikina City, Metro Manila

Subject: Clearance of Foreign Drug Donations

Dear Ms Escubil:

Please be informed that this Office recommends clearance for the release of the following products donated by *Vitamin Angels* – 6500 Holister Ave. Suite#130, Goleta, California, 93117, USA to *Vitamin Angel Alliance, Inc.* located at the abovementioned address:

Product Description (Generic/Dosage Strength and Form/Brand)	Batch/Lot No.	Expiry Date	Quantity
Multivitamins + Minerals Tablet (Women's Prenatal Multiple Macronutrient Supplement) <b>Packaging:</b> White HDPE Plastic Bottle with Plastic Screw-Cap x 180 Tablets <b>Manufactured by:</b> Contract Pharmacal Corporation – 135 Adams Ave., Hauppauge, NY 11788 <b>Storage conditions:</b> Store at temperatures between 15-30°C.	361151 378360	30 April 2026	56070 Bottles 221,760 Bottles

The release of said donated pharmaceutical products intended for patients is on the condition that the said products shall have:

1. a shelf-life of not less than 12 months at the time of arrival; and
2. labels (primary, secondary, and product information) in English language.

This clearance is without prejudice to tariff rules and customs regulations.

Very truly yours,

By Authority of the Director General:  
Per FDA Order No. 2016-005

*happy 19 June 2024*  
MARIA CECILIA C. MATIENZO  
Director IV, Center for Drug Regulation and Research

Amt. Paid: PHP 510.00  
OR#: SEQ#6042024120655090  
Date: 04 June 2024cc: Alleli Annie Grace P. Sudiagal, MD, MPH, CESE  
Director IV, Bureau of International Health CooperationBienvenido Y. Rubio  
Commissioner, Bureau of Customs

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**MEMORANDUM**

BOC-01-10149

TO : ALL DISTRICT COLLECTORS  
ALL SUB-PORT COLLECTORS  
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

THRU :   
ATTY. VENER S. BAQUIRAN  
Deputy Commissioner  
Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group



FROM :   
ATTY. GENEFELLE P. LAGMAY  
Acting Director  
Port Operations Service

SUBJECT : SUBMISSION OF THE LIST OF ALL PIERS/WHARVES  
UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF EACH COLLECTION  
DISTRICT

DATE : 20 August 2024

In line with our ongoing efforts to enhance the efficiency and accuracy of the BOC port operations, you are hereby directed to submit a complete list of all piers/wharves within your respective jurisdictions. This list should include the following details:

1. Name of the Pier/Wharf;
2. Location;
3. Ownership (Public and/or Private);
4. Operational Status (Active, Inactive, For Application, Under Rehabilitation, etc.);
5. Primary Use (Passenger, Cargo, Container, etc.);
6. Management Entity (Whether managed by the Philippine Ports Authority, Local Government Units, Private Entities, etc.)

Please ensure that the submission is accurate and complete.

Kindly submit the requested information to this office no later than 30 August 2024.





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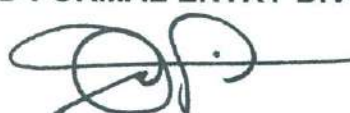
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**MEMORANDUM**

**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 :** 29 August 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 21 August 2024 and the same having been reviewed and summarized as follows:

TCC. NO.	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	2022 AHTN CODE	2024 RATES OF DUTY
24-426	"SAMSUNG GALAXY WATCH, MODEL: SM-R960NZKAASA"	8517.62.59	MFN – Zero ATIGA – Zero* AANZFTA – Zero* ACFTA – Zero* AHKFTA – Zero* AIFTA – Zero* AJCEPA – Zero* AKFTA – Zero* RCEP – Zero*
24-438	"TETRANYL AT-7590"	3402.90.99	MFN – 5% ad valorem
24-448	"SAMSUNG GALAXY FIT, MODEL: SM-R390NZAAASA"	8517.62.59	MFN – Zero ACFTA – Zero* RCEP – Zero*
24-493	"FLAVOR LOVAGE (20 kg)"	3302.10.30	MFN – 1% 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
24-533	"SULTANA PASTEURISED (12 kg)"	0806.20.00	MFN – 3% ad valorem
24-563	"NATURE'S BOUNTY® GLUCOSAMINE CHONDROITIN COMPLEX (550 mg)"	2106.90.72	MFN – 7% ad valorem

**For information, guidance and strict compliance.**

**CC: COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS**



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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
TARIFF COMMISSION

Ref. No. 24-079

21 August 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 copy of six Advance Ruling on Tariff Classification, with TCC (AR) Nos. 24-426, 24-438, 24-448, 24-493, 24-533, and 24-563 issued by this Commission on 21 August 2024. These Advance Ruling have also been posted on the Commission's website [www.tariffcommission.gov.ph](http://www.tariffcommission.gov.ph).

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

 Digitally signed

**MARILOU P. MENDOZA**  
Chairperson

Encl: As stated

cc: The Secretary  
Department of Finance  
Manila






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	2   TCC (AR) NO.
AHTN 8517.62.59	24-426
MFN - Zero	3   DATE ISSUED
AANZFTA - Zero	
AHKFTA - Zero	
AJCEPA - Zero	21 August 2024
RCEP - Zero	
ATIGA - Zero	
ACFTA - Zero	
AIFTA - Zero	
AKFTA - Zero	

4   DESCRIPTION OF GOOD
<p align="center"><b>"SAMSUNG GALAXY WATCH, MODEL: SM-R960NZKAASA"</b></p> <p>Based on the brochure and technical specifications submitted, subject article is a wearable battery-operated device, designed to be worn on the wrist, and capable of receiving and transmitting data. It features a 1.5-inch (37.3 mm) touch-sensitive, active-matrix organic light-emitting diode (AMOLED) display, 2 GB memory, 16 GB storage, 425 mAh battery, dedicated operating system, and sensors (e.g., gyro-sensor, optical heart rate sensor, bioelectrical impedance analysis sensor, and accelerometer). Once paired to a host device via Bluetooth® or through WiFi, subject article is capable of performing a variety of functions including displaying time and date information, viewing incoming calls, sending pre-defined replies on behalf of the host device, operating music player functions of the host device, and providing location- or map-related information.</p> 

5   REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION
<p>Heading 85.17 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 covers, among others, other apparatus for the transmission or reception of voice, images or other data, including apparatus for communication in a wired or wireless network (such as a local or wide area network), other than transmission or reception apparatus of heading 84.43, 85.25, 85.27 or 85.28. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that the heading covers, among others, other communication apparatus. This group includes apparatus which allows for the connection to a wired or wireless communication network or the transmission or reception of speech or other sounds, images or other data within such a network.</p> <p>In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 8517.62.59, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of zero and the following applicable rates of duty under the various Philippine free trade agreements (FTA), subject to submission of the corresponding proof of origin:</p>

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2	TCC (AR) NO.
	24-426

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)	0	CO Form E
ASEAN-Hong Kong, China Free Trade Agreement (AHKFTA)	0	CO Form AHK
ASEAN-India Free Trade Area (AIFTA)	0	CO Form AI
ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (AJCEPA)	0	CO Form AJ
ASEAN-Korea Free Trade Area (AKFTA)	0	CO Form AK
Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement	0	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

*MariLou P. Mendoza*  
Digitally signed

**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	2	TCC (AR) NO.
	AHTN 3402.90.99 MFN - 5% ad valorem		24-438
		3	DATE ISSUED
			21 August 2024

## 4 DESCRIPTION OF GOOD

## "TETRANYL AT-7590"

Based on the product data sheet, safety data sheet, technical data sheet, packaging specifications, and supplemental information submitted, subject article is a cationic surface-active preparation in the form of a brown paste. It consists of dihydrogenated tallowylethyl hydroxyethylmonium methosulfate, ditallowylethyl hydroxyethylmonium methosulfate, isopropyl alcohol (solvent), and butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT) (antioxidant). Packed in 210-liter drums, subject article is used in the formulation of fabric softeners to provide anti-static, rewetting, and softening effects.

## 5 REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION

Heading 34.02 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 covers, among others, surface-active preparations, washing preparations (including auxiliary washing preparations) and cleaning preparations, whether or not containing soap, other than those of heading 34.01. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that this group comprises three categories of preparations including surface-active preparations. These include solutions or dispersions of organic surface-active agents (other than soap) in an organic solvent (e.g., a solution of a sulphated fatty alcohol in cyclohexanol or in tetrahydronaphthalene). Surface-active preparations are used for their cleansing, wetting, emulsifying or dispersing properties in many industrial applications, for example as, wetting agents, emulsifying agents, fulling assistants and brightening agents, for the textile industry.

In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 3402.90.99, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 5% 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

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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	2	TCC (AR) NO.
	AHTN 8517.62.59		24-448
	MFN - Zero	3	DATE ISSUED
	ACFTA - Zero		21 August 2024
	RCEP - Zero		

## 4 DESCRIPTION OF GOOD

## "SAMSUNG GALAXY FIT, MODEL: SM-R390NZAASA"

Based on the brochure and technical specifications submitted, subject article is a wearable battery-operated device, designed to be worn on the wrist, and capable of receiving and transmitting data. It features a 1.6-inch (40 mm) touch-sensitive, active-matrix organic light-emitting diode (AMOLED) display, 16 MB random-access memory (RAM), 256 MB internal memory, 208 mAh battery, dedicated operating system, gyro-sensor, optical heart rate sensor, and an accelerometer. Once paired to a host device via Bluetooth®, subject article is capable of performing a variety of functions including displaying time and date information, viewing incoming calls, sending pre-defined replies on behalf of the host device, and operating music player functions of the host device.



## 5 REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION

Heading 85.17 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 covers, among others, other apparatus for the transmission or reception of voice, images or other data, including apparatus for communication in a wired or wireless network (such as a local or wide area network), other than transmission or reception apparatus of heading 84.43, 85.25, 85.27 or 85.28. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that the heading covers, among others, other communication apparatus. This group includes apparatus which allows for the connection to a wired or wireless communication network or the transmission or reception of speech or other sounds, images or other data within such a network.

In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 8517.62.59, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of zero; 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

*Digitally signed*  

MARILOU P. MENDOZA

Chairperson

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## ADVANCE RULING ON TARIFF CLASSIFICATION

Pursuant to Section 1100 of RA 10863 (CMTA)

1	AHTN 2022 CODE AND 2024 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY	2	TCC (AR) NO.
	AHTN 3302.10.30 MFN - 1% ad valorem		24-493
		3	DATE ISSUED
			21 August 2024

## 4 DESCRIPTION OF GOOD

## "FLAVOR LOVAGE (20 kg)"

Based on the technical data sheet, ingredients list, production process flowchart, certificate of analysis, packing list, and supplementary information submitted, subject article is a flavouring preparation in the form of a white to pale beige powder with a lovage and pungent sensory profile. It is composed of nature-identical flavouring substances (contains benzaldehyde), flavouring preparations (contains celery seed oil), potato maltodextrin, acacia gum, and propylene glycol. Packed in 25-kg fibreboard boxes, subject article is used as a flavouring in the manufacture of sauces, seasonings and other 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., soap-making), 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

*Digitally signed*  
*MariLou P. Mendoza*MARILOU P. MENDOZA  
Chairperson

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Pursuant to Section 1100 of RA 10863 (CMTA)

1	<b>AHTN 2022 CODE AND 2024 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY</b>	2	<b>TCC (AR) NO.</b>
	<b>AHTN 0806.20.00</b>		<b>24-533</b>
	<b>MFN - 3% ad valorem</b>	3	<b>DATE ISSUED</b>
			<b>21 August 2024</b>

4	<b>DESCRIPTION OF GOOD</b>
	<p><b>"SULTANA PASTEURISED (12 kg)"</b></p> <p>Based on the specifications sheet, manufacturing process flowchart, certificate of conformance for end products, and packing list submitted, subject article consists of amber-brown sun-dried, Turkish sultanas made from seedless grapes of the <i>Vitis vinifera</i> L. variety. The dried grapes, which are dipped in a solution with olive oil before sun drying, are stemmed, washed, capstemmed, coated with vegetable oil to prevent the fruits from sticking together, and sized. Packed in 12-kg polyethylene-lined cardboard boxes, subject article is used as an ingredient in breakfast cereals.</p>
5	<b>REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION</b>
	<p>Note 3 (b) to Chapter 8 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 states that dried fruit or dried nuts of this Chapter may be partially rehydrated, or treated for the following purposes, among others, to improve or maintain their appearance (for example, by the addition of vegetable oil or small quantities of glucose syrup), provided that they retain the character of dried fruit or dried nuts.</p> <p>Heading 08.06 of the AHTN 2022 covers grapes, fresh or dried. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that the heading also covers dried grapes, the principal kinds being those known as "currants", "sultanas", "Izmir", "Thompson" or the so-called "seedless" raisins (all of which are substantially without pips) and the large raisins with seeds, such as "Muscatel", "Malaga", "Denia", "Damascus", "Lexir" or "Gordo" raisins.</p> <p>In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 0806.20.00, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 3% ad valorem.</p> <p>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.</p>
	<p>FOR THE COMMISSION</p> <p><i>Digitally signed</i></p> <p><i>MariLou P. Mendoza</i></p> <p><b>MARILOU P. MENDOZA</b></p> <p>Chairperson</p>
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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	2	TCC (AR) NO.
	AHTN 2106.90.72 MFN - 7% ad valorem		24-563
		3	DATE ISSUED
			21 August 2024

## 4 DESCRIPTION OF GOOD

**"NATURE'S BOUNTY® GLUCOSAMINE CHONDROITIN COMPLEX (550 mg)"**

Based on the ingredients composition, product label, certificate of analysis, manufacturing process flowchart, and other technical information submitted, subject article is a food supplement in the form of a clear capsule with white to yellowish-brown powder fill. It is composed of 550 mg glucosamine chondroitin complex [glucosamine hydrochloride, methylsulfonylmethane (MSM), and chondroitin sulfate], ascorbic acid, anti-caking agents, and manganese sulfate, among others. Packed in bottles containing 30 capsules, subject article is to be taken by adults at one capsule daily, preferably with meals, to help support joint health.

## 5 REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION

Heading 21.06 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 covers food preparations not elsewhere specified or included. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that the heading includes, *inter alia*, preparations, often referred to as food supplements or dietary supplements, consisting of, or based on, one or more vitamins, minerals, amino acids, concentrates, extracts, isolates or the like of substances found within foods, or synthetic versions of such substances, put up as a supplement to the normal diet. It includes such products whether or not also containing sweeteners, colours, flavours, odoriferous substances, carriers, fillers, stabilisers or other technical aids. Such products are often put up in packaging with indications that they maintain general health or well-being, improve athletic performance, prevent possible nutritional deficiencies or correct sub-optimal levels of nutrients. These preparations do not contain a sufficient quantity of active ingredients to provide therapeutic or prophylactic effect against diseases or ailments other than the relevant nutritional deficiencies.

In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 2106.90.72, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 7% 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

MARILOU P. MENDOZA  
Chairperson

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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 :** 30 August 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 27 August 2024 and the same having been reviewed and summarized as follows:

TCC. NO.	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	2022 AHTN CODE	2024 RATES OF DUTY
24-036	"NESTLE® MILO® ACTIV-GO® GAO KOSONG (600 kg)"	1901.90.99	MFN – 7% ad valorem ATIGA – Zero* AANZFTA – Zero* ACFTA – Zero* AHKFTA – Zero* AIFTA – Zero* AJCEPA – Zero* AKFTA – 7% ad valorem* RCEP – Zero*
24-449	"SAMSUNG OVEN, MODEL: NV7B4545UAK/PE"	8516.60.90	MFN – 7% ad valorem ATIGA – Zero* AANZFTA – Zero* ACFTA – Zero* AHKFTA – Zero* AIFTA – 5% ad valorem* AJCEPA – Zero* AKFTA – Zero* RCEP – Zero*
*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
24-450	"SAMSUNG OVEN, MODEL: NV7B44205AS/PE"	8516.60.90	MFN – 7% ad valorem ATIGA – Zero* AANZFTA – Zero* ACFTA – Zero* AHKFTA – Zero* AIFTA – 5% ad valorem* AJCEPA – Zero* AKFTA – Zero* RCEP – Zero*
24-465	"FINISH LINE® IRON POWER®"	2309.90.20	MFN - Zero
24-479	"BACTOCELL DRINK"	2309.90.20	MFN - Zero
24-531	"VITAMIN PREMIX DAIRY 9426 WET USE NON-GMO (25 kg)"	2936.90.00	MFN – Zero ACFTA – Zero* RCEP – Zero*
24-532	"RAISIN (12 kg)"	0806.20.00	MFN – 3% ad valorem
24-534	"ST FORMULA CORROSION-PROOF ANCHOR"	7308.90.99	MFN – 10% ad valorem PJEPA – Zero* AJCEPA – Zero* RCEP – Zero*
24-564	"PURINA® FANCY FEAST® PETITE DELIGHTS WITH GRILLED CHICKEN"	2309.10.10	MFN – 5% ad valorem ATIGA – Zero* AANZFTA – Zero* ACFTA – Zero* AHKFTA – Zero* AIFTA – Zero* AJCEPA – Zero* AKFTA – Zero* RCEP – Zero*
24-565	"PURINA® FANCY FEAST® PETITE DELIGHTS WITH GRILLED COD"	2309.10.10	MFN – 5% ad valorem ATIGA – Zero* AANZFTA – Zero* ACFTA – Zero* AHKFTA – Zero* AIFTA – Zero* AJCEPA – Zero* AKFTA – Zero* RCEP – Zero*

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TCC. NO.	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	2022 AHTN CODE	2024 RATES OF DUTY
24-566	"PURINA® FANCY FEAST® PETITE DELIGHTS WITH GRILLED SALMON"	2309.10.10	MFN – 5% ad valorem ATIGA – Zero* AANZFTA – Zero* ACFTA – Zero* AHKFTA – Zero* AIFTA – Zero* AJCEPA – Zero* AKFTA – Zero* RCEP – Zero*
24-567	"PURINA® FANCY FEAST® PETITE DELIGHTS WITH GRILLED TUNA"	2309.10.10	MFN – 5% ad valorem ATIGA – Zero* AANZFTA – Zero* ACFTA – Zero* AHKFTA – Zero* AIFTA – Zero* AJCEPA – Zero* AKFTA – Zero* RCEP – Zero*
24-570	"NESTLE HEALTHSCIENCE® BOOST® FIBRE VANILLA FLAVOUR (800 g)"	2106.90.99	MFN – 7% ad valorem
*Subject to submission of their corresponding CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN (COs).			

For information, guidance and strict compliance.

CC: COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS



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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
TARIFF COMMISSION

Ref. No. 24-080

27 August 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 13 Advance Rulings on Tariff Classification, with TCC (AR) Nos. 24-036, 24-449, 24-450, 24-465, 24-479, 24-531, 24-532, 24-534, 24-564, 24-565, 24-566, 24-567, and 24-570, issued by this Commission on 27 August 2024. These Advance Ruling have also been posted on the Commission's website [www.tariffcommission.gov.ph](http://www.tariffcommission.gov.ph).

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

*MariLou P. Mendoza* Digitally signed

**MARILOU P. MENDOZA**  
Chairperson

Encl: *As stated*

cc: *The Secretary*  
*Department of Finance*  
*Manila*



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
TARIFF COMMISSION

**ADVANCE RULING ON TARIFF CLASSIFICATION**

Pursuant to Section 1100 of RA 10863 (CMTA)

<p><b>1 AHTN 2022 CODE AND 2024 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AHTN 1901.90.99</b></p> <p>MFN - 7% ad valorem      ATIGA - Zero  AANZFTA - Zero              ACFTA - Zero  AHKFTA - Zero                AIFTA - Zero  AJCEPA - Zero                AKFTA - 7% ad valorem  RCEP - Zero</p>	<p><b>2 TCC (AR) NO.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>24-036</b></p> <p><b>3 DATE ISSUED</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>27 August 2024</b></p>
<p><b>4 DESCRIPTION OF GOOD</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>"NESTLE® MILO® ACTIV-GO® GAO KOSONG (600 kg)"</b></p> <p>Based on the ingredients list, manufacturing process flowchart, packing list, and photograph of the product submitted, subject article is a chocolate-flavoured powdered malt drink composed of PROTOMALT®, skimmed milk powder, cocoa powder (up to 15%), palm oil, whole milk powder, minerals, and vitamins. It is to be dissolved in water before consumption and is intended for children ages 7 to 12 years. Subject article is to be imported in 600-kg big bags and is to be repacked for retail sale.</p>	
<p><b>5 REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION</b></p> <p>Heading 19.01 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 covers, among others, food preparations of flour, groats, meal, starch or malt extract, not containing cocoa or containing less than 40 % by weight of cocoa calculated on a totally defatted basis, not elsewhere specified or included. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that this heading covers a number of food preparations with a basis of flour, groats or meal, of starch or of malt extract, which derive their essential character from such materials whether or not these ingredients predominate by weight or volume. Other substances may be added to these main ingredients, such as milk, sugar, eggs, casein, albumin, fat, oil, flavouring, gluten, colouring, vitamins, fruit or other substances to improve their dietetic value, or cocoa, in the latter case, in any proportion less than 40% by weight of cocoa calculated on a totally defatted basis. The preparations of this heading may be liquid or in the form of powders, granules, doughs or other solid forms such as strips or discs. These preparations are often used for making beverages, gruels, as food suitable for infants or young children, dietetic foods, etc., by simply mixing with, or boiling in, milk or water, or for making cakes, puddings, custards or similar culinary preparations. The heading includes, <i>inter alia</i>, preparations such as malted milk and similar preparations composed of powdered milk and malt extract with or without added sugar.</p> <p>In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 1901.90.99, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 7% 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:</p>	



2	TCC (AR) NO.
	24-036

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)	0	CO Form E
ASEAN-Hong Kong, China Free Trade Agreement (AHKFTA)	0	CO Form AHK
ASEAN-India Free Trade Area (AIFTA)	0	CO Form AI
ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (AJCEPA)	0	CO Form AJ
ASEAN-Korea Free Trade Area (AKFTA)	7	CO Form AK
Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement	0	CO Form RCEP or Declaration of Origin (DO) issued by an Approved Exporter

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FOR THE COMMISSION

*MariLou P. Mendoza* Digitally signed

**MARILOU P. MENDOZA**  
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1	AHTN 2022 CODE AND 2024 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY	2	TCC (AR) NO.
	AHTN 8516.60.90		24-449
	MFN - 7% ad valorem	3	DATE ISSUED
	AANZFTA - Zero		27 August 2024
	AHKFTA - Zero		
	AJCEPA - Zero		
	RCEP - Zero		
	ATIGA - Zero		
	ACFTA - Zero		
	AIFTA - 5% ad valorem		
	AKFTA - Zero		

4	DESCRIPTION OF GOOD														
	<p align="center"><b>"SAMSUNG OVEN, MODEL: NV7B4545UAK/PE"</b></p> <p>Based on the technical specifications submitted, subject article is a domestic-type oven with dual cooking zone (upper and lower) incorporating the functions of <i>air sous vide</i>, convection, grilling, air frying, steam cooking, and heating. It has a drop-down glass door, dual cooking layer, ceramic enamel-coated cavity, and a dual dial and touch control panel. Provided with 40 single and 10 dual auto cooking programs, subject article has the following specifications:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Oven capacity (L)</td><td>76</td></tr> <tr> <td>Maximum Output Rating (W)</td><td>3,300</td></tr> <tr> <td>Convection Power Rating (W)</td><td>1,200</td></tr> <tr> <td>Halogen Interior Lamp Power Rating (W)</td><td>25 / 40</td></tr> <tr> <td>Electrical Requirements</td><td>220 V / 60 Hz</td></tr> <tr> <td>Cavity Dimension (WxHxD) (mm)</td><td>560 x 579 x 549</td></tr> <tr> <td>Gross weight (kg)</td><td>43.7</td></tr> </table>  <p>It comes with a baking tray, wire rack, meat probe, telescopic rail, and steam tray.</p>	Oven capacity (L)	76	Maximum Output Rating (W)	3,300	Convection Power Rating (W)	1,200	Halogen Interior Lamp Power Rating (W)	25 / 40	Electrical Requirements	220 V / 60 Hz	Cavity Dimension (WxHxD) (mm)	560 x 579 x 549	Gross weight (kg)	43.7
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5	REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION
	<p>Heading 85.16 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 covers, among others, other electro-thermic appliances of a kind used for domestic purposes. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that this group includes all electro-thermic machines and appliances provided they are normally used in the household. Certain of these have been referred to in previous parts of this Explanatory Note (e.g., electric fires, geysers, hair dryers, smoothing irons, etc.). Others include other ovens and cookers, cooking plates, boiling rings, grillers and roasters (e.g., convection type, resistance type, infra-red, high frequency induction and combined gas-electric appliances).</p> <p>In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 8516.60.90, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 7% 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:</p>



2	TCC (AR) NO.
	24-449

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
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**MARILOU P. MENDOZA**  
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1	AHTN 2022 CODE AND 2024 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY	2	TCC (AR) NO.
	AHTN 8516.60.90		24-450
	MFN - 7% ad valorem	3	DATE ISSUED
	AANZFTA - Zero		27 August 2024
	AHKFTA - Zero		
	AJCEPA - Zero		
	RCEP - Zero		
	ATIGA - Zero		
	ACFTA - Zero		
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2	TCC (AR) NO.
	24-450

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
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FOR THE COMMISSION

*Marilou P. Mendoza*  
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**MARILOU P. MENDOZA**  
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1	AHTN 2022 CODE AND 2024 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY	2	TCC (AR) NO.
	AHTN 2309.90.20 MFN - Zero		24-465
		3	DATE ISSUED
			27 August 2024

## 4 DESCRIPTION OF GOOD

## "FINISH LINE® IRON POWER®"

Based on the certificate of composition, Certificate of Product Registration from the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), product brochure, manufacturing process flowchart, technical specifications, product label, and packaging information submitted, subject article is an iron-rich feed premix in the form of an opaque, dark-orange liquid. It is composed of water, ethyl alcohol, ferrous sulfate, citric acid, xanthan gum, niacinamide, d-calcium pantothenate, sorbitol, and vitamin B12 supplement, among others. Packed in 128-fluid ounce (fl. oz.) or 64-fl. oz. plastic gallons, or in 5-gallon pails, subject article is to be fed at a rate of 2-oz daily to colts, yearlings, and mature horses, as an aid in preventing iron deficiency anemia.



## 5 REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION

Heading 23.09 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 covers preparations of a kind used in animal feeding. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that this heading covers sweetened forage and prepared animal feeding stuffs consisting of a mixture of several nutrients designed, among others, to achieve a suitable daily diet by supplementing the basic farm-produced feed with organic or inorganic substances (supplementary feed). Farm-produced feed is usually rather low in proteins, minerals or vitamins. The preparations devised to compensate for these deficiencies, so as to ensure a well-balanced animal diet, consist of proteins, minerals or vitamins plus additional-energy feeds (carbohydrates) which serve as a carrier for the other ingredients. Although, qualitatively, these preparations have much the same composition as those described in complete feeds, they are distinguished by a relatively high content of one particular nutrient.

In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 2309.90.20, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of zero.

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FOR THE COMMISSION

MARILOU P. MENDOZA  
Chairperson

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	AHTN 2309.90.20 MFN - Zero		24-479
		3	DATE ISSUED
			27 August 2024

4	DESCRIPTION OF GOOD
	<p align="center"><b>"BACTOCELL DRINK"</b></p> <p>Based on the manufacturing process flowchart, certificate of formula, product data sheet, Veterinary Drug and Product Declaration Form and Certificate of Product Registration from the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), and product label submitted, subject article is a beige to yellowish powder consisting of live bacteria <i>Pediococcus acidilactici</i>, inactive yeast extract of <i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>, and sodium chloride. Packed in 5-kg cardboard boxes containing 25 pieces of 200-g aluminium sachets, subject article is to be mixed with drinking water of swine and poultry, to enhance the nutrition and support health of animals by regulating their intestinal microflora and by protecting them against non-beneficial bacteria.</p>

5	REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION
	<p>Heading 23.09 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 covers preparations of a kind used in animal feeding. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that this heading covers sweetened forage and prepared animal feeding stuffs consisting of a mixture of several nutrients designed, among others, for use in making complete or supplementary feeds. This heading includes preparations for use in making the complete feeds or supplementary feeds. These preparations, known in trade as "premixes", are, generally speaking, compound compositions consisting of a number of substances (sometimes called additives) the nature and proportions of which vary according to the animal production required. These substances include those which improve digestion and, more generally, ensure that the animal makes good use of the feeds and safeguard its health.</p>

In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 2309.90.20, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of zero.

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1	<b>AHTN 2022 CODE AND 2024 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY</b>	2	<b>TCC (AR) NO.</b>
	AHTN 2936.90.00		24-531
	MFN - Zero	3	<b>DATE ISSUED</b>
	ACFTA - Zero		27 August 2024
	RCEP - Zero		

4	<b>DESCRIPTION OF GOOD</b>
	<p align="center"><b>“VITAMIN PREMIX DAIRY 9426 WET USE NON-GMO (25 kg)”</b></p> <p>Based on the product specification sheet, manufacturing process flowchart, certificate of analysis, and packing list submitted, subject article is a vitamin premix in the form of a fine granular powder. It is composed of vitamins (A, B<sub>1</sub>, B<sub>6</sub>, B<sub>12</sub>, C, D<sub>3</sub>, and folic acid), and maltodextrin (carrier). Packed in 25-kg aluminium-laminated bags, subject article is a source of vitamins used in the production of ambient dairy products.</p>

5	<b>REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION</b>
	<p>Heading 29.36 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 covers provitamins and vitamins, natural or reproduced by synthesis (including natural concentrates), derivatives thereof used primarily as vitamins, and intermixtures of the foregoing, whether or not in any solvent. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that this heading includes intermixtures of vitamins, of provitamins or of concentrates, such as, for instance, natural concentrates of vitamins A and D in various proportions, to which an additional quantity of vitamin A or D has been added subsequently. The products of this heading may be stabilised for the purposes of preservation or transport, among others, by adsorbing on appropriate substances (e.g., silicic acid), provided that the quantity added or the processing in no case exceeds that necessary for their preservation or transport and that the addition or processing does not alter the character of the basic product and render it particularly suitable for specific use rather than for general use.</p> <p>In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 2936.90.00, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of zero; 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 Certificate of Origin (CO) Form “RCEP” or Declaration of Origin (DO) issued by an Approved Exporter.</p> <p>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.</p> <p align="right">FOR THE COMMISSION</p> <p align="right"><i>Digitally signed</i>    <b>MARILOU P. MENDOZA</b>  Chairperson</p> <p><i>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.</i></p>







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1	AHTN 2022 CODE AND 2024 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY	2	TCC (AR) NO.
	AHTN 0806.20.00 MFN - 3% ad valorem		24-532
		3	DATE ISSUED
			27 August 2024

## 4 DESCRIPTION OF GOOD

## "RAISIN (12 kg)"

Based on the specifications sheet, manufacturing process flowchart, packing list, and certificate of conformance for end products submitted, subject article consists of dark-brown sun-dried, Turkish raisins made from seedless grapes of the *Vitis Vinifera L.* variety. The dried grapes are stemmed, washed, capstemmed, coated with vegetable oil to prevent the fruits from sticking together, and sized. Packed in 12-kg polyethylene-lined cardboard boxes, subject article is used as an ingredient in the manufacture of breakfast cereals.

## 5 REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION

Note 3 (b) to Chapter 8 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 states that dried fruit or dried nuts of this Chapter may be partially rehydrated, or treated for the following purposes, among others, to improve or maintain their appearance (for example, by the addition of vegetable oil or small quantities of glucose syrup), provided that they retain the character of dried fruit or dried nuts.

Heading 08.06 of the AHTN 2022 covers grapes, fresh or dried. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that the heading also covers dried grapes, the principal kinds being those known as "currants", "sultanas", "Izmir", "Thompson" or the so-called "seedless" raisins (all of which are substantially without pips) and the large raisins with seeds, such as "Muscatel", "Malaga", "Denia", "Damascus", "Lexir" or "Gordo" raisins.

In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 0806.20.00, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 3% ad valorem.

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MARILOU P. MENDOZA  
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1	<b>AHTN 2022 CODE AND 2024 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY</b>	2	<b>TCC (AR) NO.</b>
	AHTN 7308.90.99		24-534
	MFN - 10% ad valorem	3	<b>DATE ISSUED</b>
	PJEPA - Zero		27 August 2024
	AJCEPA - Zero		
	RCEP - Zero		

## 4 DESCRIPTION OF GOOD

**"ST FORMULA CORROSION-PROOF ANCHOR"**

Based on the brochure, technical specifications, and photographs of the product submitted, subject article is a structural corrosion-proof anchor consisting of a stainless steel (or specific steel-grade) anchor bar, a structural steel spiral rod, an anchor cap (made of plastics or fibre-reinforced polymer and structural steel), and a synthetic rubber packing. To be used in bridge infrastructures, subject article is designed to resist corrosion and provide a stable anchoring solution by securely fastening materials to concrete, thereby ensuring structural stability and efficient load transfer.

## 5 REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION

Heading 73.08 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 covers structures (excluding prefabricated buildings of heading 94.06) and parts of structures (for example, bridges and bridge-sections, lock-gates, towers, lattice masts, roofs, roofing frame-works, doors and windows and their frames and thresholds for doors, shutters, balustrades, pillars and columns), of iron or steel; plates, rods, angles, shapes, sections, tubes and the like, prepared for use in structures, of iron or steel. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that this heading covers complete or incomplete metal structures, as well as parts of structures. For the purpose of this heading, these structures are characterised by the fact that once they are put in position, they generally remain in that position. They are usually made up from bars, rods, tubes, angles, shapes, sections, sheets, plates, wide flats including so-called universal plates, hoop, strip, forgings or castings, by riveting, bolting, welding, etc.

In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 7308.90.99, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 10% ad valorem; Philippines-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (PJEPA) rate of duty of zero, subject to submission of Certificate of Origin (CO) Form "JP"; ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (AJCEPA) rate of duty of zero, subject to submission of CO Form "AJ"; 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.

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	<b>AHTN 2309.10.10</b>		<b>24-564</b>
	<b>MFN - 5% ad valorem</b> <b>AANZFTA - Zero</b> <b>AHKFTA - Zero</b> <b>AJCEPA - Zero</b> <b>RCEP - Zero</b>	3	<b>DATE ISSUED</b>
	<b>ATIGA - Zero</b> <b>ACFTA - Zero</b> <b>AIFTA - Zero</b> <b>AKFTA - Zero</b>		<b>27 August 2024</b>

4	<b>DESCRIPTION OF GOOD</b>
	<p><b>"PURINA® FANCY FEAST® PETITE DELIGHTS WITH GRILLED CHICKEN"</b></p> <p>Based on the formula certificate, manufacturing process flow diagram, product label, and photograph of the product submitted, subject article is a gourmet wet cat food. It is made from chicken frame, wheat gluten, lamb liver, poultry meal, amino acids, vitamins and minerals, chicken meat, thickeners, poultry oil, sugars, and non-artificial colour. Packed in 50-g pouches, subject article is to be fed to adult cats at 1.5 pouches per day per kilogram of bodyweight, to provide complete and balanced nutrition.</p> 
5	<b>REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION</b>
	<p>Heading 23.09 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 covers preparations of a kind used in animal feeding. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that the heading further includes preparations for cats, dogs, etc., consisting of a mixture of meat, meat offal and other ingredients, put up in airtight containers and containing approximately the quantity required for one feed.</p> <p>In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 2309.10.10, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 5% 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:</p>

2	TCC (AR) NO.
	24-564

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)	0	CO Form E
ASEAN-Hong Kong, China Free Trade Agreement (AHKFTA)	0	CO Form AHK
ASEAN-India Free Trade Area (AIFTA)	0	CO Form AI
ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (AJCEPA)	0	CO Form AJ
ASEAN-Korea Free Trade Area (AKFTA)	0	CO Form AK
Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement	0	CO Form RCEP or Declaration of Origin (DO) issued by an Approved Exporter

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FOR THE COMMISSION

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Chairperson

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	AHTN 2309.10.10		24-565
	MFN - 5% ad valorem	3	DATE ISSUED
	AANZFTA - Zero		27 August 2024
	AHKFTA - Zero		
	AJCEPA - Zero		
	RCEP - Zero		
	ATIGA - Zero		
	ACFTA - Zero		
	AIFTA - Zero		
	AKFTA - Zero		

4	DESCRIPTION OF GOOD
	<p><b>"PURINA® FANCY FEAST® PETITE DELIGHTS WITH GRILLED COD"</b></p> <p>Based on the formula certificate, manufacturing process flow diagram, product specifications, product label, and photograph of the product submitted, subject article is a gourmet wet cat food. It is made from wheat gluten, chicken frame, lamb liver, poultry meal, amino acids, minerals and vitamins, cod, thickeners, poultry oil, sugars, and non-artificial colour. Packed in 50-g pouches, subject article is to be fed to adult cats at 1.5 pouches per day per kilogram of bodyweight, to provide complete and balanced nutrition.</p>



5	REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION
	<p>Heading 23.09 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 covers preparations of a kind used in animal feeding. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that the heading further includes preparations for cats, dogs, etc., consisting of a mixture of meat, meat offal and other ingredients, put up in airtight containers and containing approximately the quantity required for one feed.</p> <p>In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 2309.10.10, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 5% 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:</p>

2	TCC (AR) NO.
	24-565

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)	0	CO Form E
ASEAN-Hong Kong, China Free Trade Agreement (AHKFTA)	0	CO Form AHK
ASEAN-India Free Trade Area (AIFTA)	0	CO Form AI
ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (AJCEPA)	0	CO Form AJ
ASEAN-Korea Free Trade Area (AKFTA)	0	CO Form AK
Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement	0	CO Form RCEP or Declaration of Origin (DO) issued by an Approved Exporter

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1	AHTN 2022 CODE AND 2024 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY	2	TCC (AR) NO.
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AHTN 2309.10.10</b></p> <p><b>MFN - 5% ad valorem</b>                      <b>ATIGA - Zero</b>  <b>AANZFTA - Zero</b>                      <b>ACFTA - Zero</b>  <b>AHKFTA - Zero</b>                      <b>AIFTA - Zero</b>  <b>AJCEPA - Zero</b>                      <b>AKFTA - Zero</b>  <b>RCEP - Zero</b></p>		24-566	3
		DATE ISSUED	
		27 August 2024	
4 DESCRIPTION OF GOOD			
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>"PURINA® FANCY FEAST® PETITE DELIGHTS WITH GRILLED SALMON"</b></p> <p>Based on the formula certificate, manufacturing process flow diagram, product specifications, product label, and photograph of the product submitted, subject article is a gourmet wet cat food. It is made from wheat gluten, chicken frame, lamb liver, poultry meal, chicken meat, amino acids, minerals and vitamins, salmon, thickeners, poultry oil, sugars, and non-artificial colour. Packed in 50-g pouches, subject article is to be fed to adult cats at 1.5 pouches per day per kilogram of bodyweight, to provide complete and balanced nutrition.</p> 			
5 REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION			
<p>Heading 23.09 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 covers preparations of a kind used in animal feeding. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that the heading further includes preparations for cats, dogs, etc., consisting of a mixture of meat, meat offal and other ingredients, put up in airtight containers and containing approximately the quantity required for one feed.</p> <p>In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 2309.10.10, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 5% 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:</p>			

2	TCC (AR) NO.
	24-566

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)	0	CO Form E
ASEAN-Hong Kong, China Free Trade Agreement (AHKFTA)	0	CO Form AHK
ASEAN-India Free Trade Area (AIFTA)	0	CO Form AI
ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (AJCEPA)	0	CO Form AJ
ASEAN-Korea Free Trade Area (AKFTA)	0	CO Form AK
Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement	0	CO Form RCEP or Declaration of Origin (DO) issued by an Approved Exporter

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	<b>AHTN 2309.10.10</b>		<b>24-567</b>
	MFN - 5% ad valorem	3	<b>DATE ISSUED</b>
	AANZFTA - Zero		<b>27 August 2024</b>
	AHKFTA - Zero		
	AJCEPA - Zero		
	RCEP - Zero		
	ATIGA - Zero		
	ACFTA - Zero		
	AIFTA - Zero		
	AKFTA - Zero		

4	<b>DESCRIPTION OF GOOD</b>
	<p><b>“PURINA® FANCY FEAST® PETITE DELIGHTS WITH GRILLED TUNA”</b></p> <p>Based on the formula certificate, manufacturing process flow diagram, product specifications, product label, and photograph of the product submitted, subject article is a gourmet wet cat food. It is made from wheat gluten, chicken frame, lamb liver, poultry meal, amino acids, minerals and vitamins, chicken meat, tuna, thickeners, poultry oil, sugars, and non-artificial colour. Packed in 50-g pouches, subject article is to be fed to adult cats at 1.5 pouches per day per kilogram of bodyweight, to provide complete and balanced nutrition.</p> 

5	<b>REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION</b>
	<p>Heading 23.09 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 covers preparations of a kind used in animal feeding. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that the heading further includes preparations for cats, dogs, etc., consisting of a mixture of meat, meat offal and other ingredients, put up in airtight containers and containing approximately the quantity required for one feed.</p> <p>In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 2309.10.10, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 5% 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:</p>

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2	TCC (AR) NO.
	24-567

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
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AHTN 2106.90.99 MFN - 7% ad valorem	24-570
	3   DATE ISSUED 27 August 2024

## 4 | DESCRIPTION OF GOOD

## "NESTLE HEALTHSCIENCE® BOOST® FIBRE VANILLA FLAVOUR (800 g)"

Based on the ingredients list, manufacturing process flowchart, product label, and photograph of the product submitted, subject article is a vanilla-flavoured, powdered nutritional formula. It is composed of maltodextrin, high oleic sunflower oil powder, low erucic rapeseed oil powder, whey protein powder (90% whey protein), calcium caseinate, white sugar, sunflower oil powder, citrus fiber, oat fiber, gum acacia, oligofructose, and vanilla flavour, among others. Packed in 800-g cans, subject article is formulated for special dietary use (e.g., for malnourished or nutritionally-at-risk individuals) and is to be mixed with cooled boiled water prior to consumption.



## 5 | REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION

Heading 21.06 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 covers food preparations not elsewhere specified or included. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that provided that they are not covered by any other heading of the Nomenclature, this heading covers, among others, preparations for use, either directly or after processing (such as cooking, dissolving or boiling in water, milk, etc.), for human consumption.

In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 2106.90.99, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 7% 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

*Digitally signed*

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.

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** ALL DISTRICT COLLECTORS  
ALL SUB-PORT COLLECTORS  
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

**FROM :**   
ATTY. VENER S. BAQUIRAN  
Deputy Commissioner  
Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group

**SUBJECT :** FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA)  
RECOMMENDATION FOR THE RELEASE OF DONATED  
FOOD PRODUCTS FROM CONVOY OF HOPE, USA TO THE  
CONVOY OF HOPE PHILIPPINES, INC. (COHPI)

**DATE :** 30 August 2024

Forwarding the herein attached letters all dated 22 July 2024, from Director Pilar Marilyn M. Pagayunan, Center for Food Regulation and Research, FDA, addressed to Mr. Luis Jose Raymundo S. Sasuman, Chief of Operations and Finance, COHPI, recommending clearance for the release of the following donated food products from Convoy of Hope, USA to COHPI:

Date	Container Number	Seal Number	Product Name	Quantity	Expiry Date
22 Jul 2024	DFSU7762568	C003228	Fortified Rice & Soy Protein Meal	1,320 cases	Earliest of which is March 2025
22 Jul 2024	MSCU4588291	023443	Fortified Rice & Soy Protein Meal	1,320 cases	Earliest of which is March 2025
22 Jul 2024	CAIU4685872	A0892100 C475771	Fortified Rice & Soy Protein Meal	1,320 cases	Earliest of which is June 2025
22 Jul 2024	MEDU8827575	UL- 4092760	Fortified Rice & Soy Protein Meal	1,320 cases	Earliest of which is June 2025



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The release of the donated food products shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. The products shall have been inspected and cleared by a representative from the FDA – Regional Field Office;
2. The clearance shall solely be for the release of the products from this Bureau and shall not be construed as an authorization for its distribution, sale, offer for sales, and use;
3. FDA shall not be held liable for any damage, injury, illness, death that may result from the distribution and use of the donated food products; and
4. The clearance is without prejudice to existing tariff rules and customs regulations.

For information and appropriate action.



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**FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION**

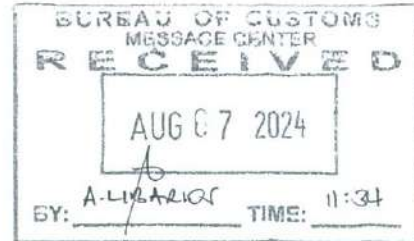


22 July 2024

09-50380

**MR. LUIS JOSE RAYMUNDO S. SASUMAN**

Chief of Operations and Finance

**Convoy of Hope Philippines, Inc.**1924, Taft Avenue corner Bernabe Street,  
Brgy. 044, Pasay CityDear **Mr. Sasuman**:

Please be informed that this Office recommends the release of the following food product donated by Convoy of Hope – 330 S. Patterson Springfield, MO 65802, US to **CONVOY OF HOPE PHILIPPINES, INC.** located at Municipal Nursery, Sta. Rosa 1, Marilao, Bulacan, Philippines:

Product Name	Quantity	Expiry Date
Fortified Rice & Soy Protein Meal	1,320 cases	Earliest of which is March 2025
Container Number DFSU 7762568		Seal Number C003228

The release of said donated food products is on the condition that the said product **shall have been inspected and cleared** by a representative from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) – Regional Field Office.

This clearance shall only be for the RELEASE of the product from the Bureau of Customs and shall not be construed as an authorization for its distribution, sale, offer for sales and use. FDA shall not be held liable for any damage, injury, illness, death that may result from the distribution and use of the donated food product.

This clearance is without prejudice to existing tariff rules and customs regulations.

For inspection schedule, please contact the FDA – Regional Field Office at [rfoner@fda.gov.ph](mailto:rfoner@fda.gov.ph) or [rfoiii@fda.gov.ph](mailto:rfoiii@fda.gov.ph).

Very truly yours,

**PILAR MARILYN M. PAGAYUNAN**  
Director IV  
Center for Food Regulation and Research

cc: ALELI ANNIE GRACE P. SUDIACAL, MD, MPH, CESE  
Director IV, Bureau of International Health Cooperation  
COMMISSIONER BIENVENIDO Y. RUBIO  
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**MR. LUIS JOSE RAYMUNDO S. SASUMAN**

Chief of Operations and Finance

**Convoy of Hope Philippines, Inc.**

1924, Taft Avenue corner Bernabe Street,

Brgy. 044, Pasay City

Dear **Mr. Sasuman**:

Please be informed that this Office recommends the release of the following food product donated by Convoy of Hope – 330 S. Patterson Springfield, MO 65802, US to **CONVOY OF HOPE PHILIPPINES, INC.** located at Municipal Nursery, Sta. Rosa 1, Marilao, Bulacan, Philippines:

Product Name	Quantity	Expiry Date
Fortified Rice & Soy Protein Meal	1,320 cases	Earliest of which is March 2025
Container Number MSCU 4588291		Seal Number 023443

The release of said donated food products is on the condition that the said product **shall have been inspected and cleared** by a representative from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) – Regional Field Office.

This clearance shall only be for the RELEASE of the product from the Bureau of Customs and shall not be construed as an authorization for its distribution, sale, offer for sales and use. FDA shall not be held liable for any damage, injury, illness, death that may result from the distribution and use of the donated food product.

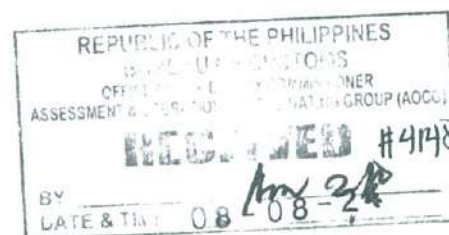
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For inspection schedule, please contact the **FDA – Regional Field Office** at [rfoncr@fda.gov.ph](mailto:rfoncr@fda.gov.ph) or [rfoiii@fda.gov.ph](mailto:rfoiii@fda.gov.ph).

Very truly yours,

  
**PILAR MARILYN M. PAGAYUNAN**  
 Director IV  
 Center for Food Regulation and Research

cc: ALELI ANNIE GRACE P. SUDIACAL, MD, MPH, CESE  
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22 July 2024

09-50381

**MR. LUIS JOSE RAYMUNDO S. SASUMAN**

Chief of Operations and Finance

**Convoy of Hope Philippines, Inc.**1924, Taft Avenue corner Bernabe Street,  
Brgy. 044, Pasay CityDear **Mr. Sasuman**:

Please be informed that this Office recommends the release of the following food product donated by Convoy of Hope – 330 S. Patterson Springfield, MO 65802, US to **CONVOY OF HOPE PHILIPPINES, INC.** located at Municipal Nursery, Sta. Rosa 1, Marilao, Bulacan, Philippines:

Product Name	Quantity	Expiry Date
Fortified Rice & Soy Protein Meal	1,320 cases	Earliest of which is June 2025
Container Number CAIU 4685872		Seal Number A0892100/C475771

The release of said donated food products is on the condition that the said product **shall have been inspected and cleared** by a representative from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) – Regional Field Office.

This clearance shall only be for the RELEASE of the product from the Bureau of Customs and shall not be construed as an authorization for its distribution, sale, offer for sales and use. FDA shall not be held liable for any damage, injury, illness, death that may result from the distribution and use of the donated food product.

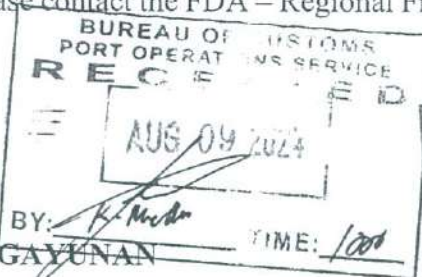
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Very truly yours,

  
**PILAR MARILOU N. PAGAYUNAN**  
 Director IV  
 Center for Food Regulation and Research

cc: ALELI ANNIE GRACE P. SUDIACAL, MD, MPH, CESE  
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**MR. LUIS JOSE RAYMUNDO S. SASUMAN**

Chief of Operations and Finance

**Convoy of Hope Philippines, Inc.**1924, Taft Avenue corner Bernabe Street,  
Brgy. 044, Pasay CityDear **Mr. Sasuman**:

Please be informed that this Office recommends the release of the following food product donated by Convoy of Hope – 330 S. Patterson Springfield, MO 65802, US to **CONVOY OF HOPE PHILIPPINES, INC.** located at Municipal Nursery, Sta. Rosa 1, Marilao, Bulacan, Philippines:

Product Name	Quantity	Expiry Date
Fortified Rice & Soy Protein Meal	1,320 cases	Earliest of which is June 2025
Container Number MEDU 8827575		Seal Number UL-4092760

The release of said donated food products is on the condition that the said product **shall have been inspected and cleared** by a representative from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) – Regional Field Office.

This clearance shall only be for the **RELEASE** of the product from the Bureau of Customs and shall not be construed as an authorization for its distribution, sale, offer for sales and use. FDA shall not be held liable for any damage, injury, illness, death that may result from the distribution and use of the donated food product.

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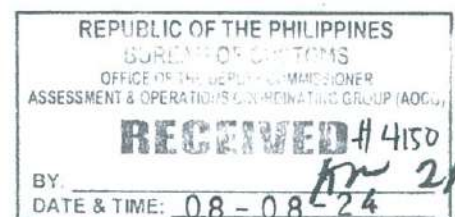
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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** ALL DISTRICT COLLECTORS  
ALL SUB-PORT COLLECTORS  
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

**FROM :**   
ATTY. VENER S. BAQUIRAN  
Deputy Commissioner  
Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group

**SUBJECT :** FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA)  
RECOMMENDATION FOR THE RELEASE OF DONATED  
PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS FROM THE WORLD  
HEALTH ORGANIZATION – UNITED NATIONS AVENUE  
MANILA TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – DISEASE  
PREVENTION AND CONTROL BUREAU (DPCB)

**DATE :** 30 August 2024

Forwarding the herein attached letter dated 27 June 2024 from Director Maria Cecilia C. Matienzo, Center for Drug Regulation and Research, FDA, addressed to Director Alleli Annie Grace P. Sudiacal, MD, MPH, CESE, Disease Prevention and Control Bureau, DOH, recommending clearance for the release of the following pharmaceutical products as donation from the World Health Organization – United Nations Avenue Manila, 1000 Philippines, to the Department of Health – Disease Prevention and Control.:

Product Description (Generic/Dosage Strength and Form/Brand)	Batch/Lot No.	Expiry Date	Quantity
<b>Multidrug Therapy (MDT) Multibacillary (MB) adult [MDT-Combi]</b> Each Blister Pack contains: Rifampicin (Rimactane) 300 mg Capsule x 2+ Clofazimine (Lamprene) 100 mg Capsule x 3+ Clofazimine (Lamprene) 50 mg Capsule x 27+ Dapsone 100 mg Tablet x 28 <b>Packaging:</b> Per Large Box: 8 Boxes of 6 Alu-PVC Blister Packs (48 Blister Packs)	NM4674 NM4675	31 Oct 2026	7,728 Blister Pack 3,792 Blister pack



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<b>Manufactured by:</b> Sandoz Private Limited Plot No.8-A/2 & 8-B, TTC Industrial area, Kalwe Block, Village Dighe, Navi Mumbai, Thane 400708 Maharashtra State, India <b>Storage Conditions:</b> Store at temperatures 25°C			
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The release of the donated pharmaceutical products, which is intended for adults, is on the condition that:

1. The said products shall have a shelf-life of not less than 12 months at the time of arrival;
2. The labels (primary, secondary, and product information) shall be in the English language; and
3. The clearance is without prejudice to tariff rules and customs regulations.

For information and appropriate action.



**CLEARANCE LETTER**

09-49219

27 June 2024

**ALLELI ANNIE GRACE P. SUDIACAL, MD, MPH, CESE**

Director IV

Department of Health-Disease Prevention and Control Bureau (DPCB)

Bldg. 3, San Lazaro Compound, Rizal Avenue,

Sta. Cruz Manila, 1003, Philippines

**Subject: Clearance of Foreign Drug Donations**

Dear Dr Garfin:



Please be informed that this Office recommends clearance for the release of the following products donated by *World Health Organization* – United Nations Avenue Manila, 1000 Philippines to *Department of Health-Disease Prevention and Control* located at the abovementioned address:

Product Description (Generic/Dosage Strength and Form/Brand)	Batch/Lot No.	Expiry Date	Quantity
Multidrug Therapy (MDT) Multibacillary (MB) Adult [MDT-Combi] Each Blister Pack contains: Rifampicin (Rimactane) 300 mg Capsule x 2 + Clofazimine (Lamprene) 100 mg Capsule x 3 + Clofazimine (Lamprene) 50 mg Capsule x 27 + Dapsone 100 mg Tablet x 28 <b>Packaging:</b> Per Large Box: 8 Boxes of 6 Alu-PVC Blister Packs (48 Blister Packs) <b>Manufactured by:</b> Sandoz Private Limited Plot No.8-A/2 & 8-B, TTC Industrial Area, Kalwe Block, Village Dighe, Navi Mumbai, Thane 400708 Maharashtra State, India <b>Storage conditions:</b> Store at temperatures 25°C.	NM4674 NM4675	31 October 2026	7,728 Blister Pack 3,792 Blister Pack

Product Description (Generic/Dosage Strength and Form/Brand)	Batch/Lot No.	Expiry Date	Quantity
Multidrug Therapy (MDT) Multibacillary (MB) Child [MDT-Combi] Each Blister Pack contains: Rifampicin (Rimactane) 300 mg Capsule x 1 + Rifampicin (Rimactane) 150 mg Capsule x 1 + Clofazimine (Lamprene) 50 mg Capsule x 16 + Dapsone 50 mg Tablet x 28 <b>Packaging:</b> Per Large Box: 8 Boxes of 6 Alu-PVC Blister Packs (48 Blister Packs) <b>Manufactured by:</b> Sandoz Private Limited Plot No.8-A/2 & 8-B, TTC Industrial Area, Kalwe Block, Village Dighe, Navi Mumbai, Thane 400708 Maharashtra State, India <b>Storage conditions:</b> Store at temperatures 25°C.	NJ1056	31 August 2027	864 Blister Pack

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The release of said donated pharmaceutical products intended for patients is on the condition that the said products shall have:

1. a shelf-life of not less than 12 months at the time of arrival; and
2. labels (primary, secondary, and product information) in English language.

This clearance is without prejudice to tariff rules and customs regulations.

Very truly yours,

*hagay 27 January*  
**MARIA CECILIA C. MATIENZO**  
Director IV, Center for Drug Regulation and Research

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cc: **Bienvenido Y. Rubio**  
Commissioner, Bureau of Customs


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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** ALL DISTRICT COLLECTORS  
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**FROM :** **ATTY. VENER S. BAQUIRAN**  
Deputy Commissioner  
Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group

**SUBJECT :** **FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA)**  
**RECOMMENDATION FOR THE RELEASE OF DONATED**  
**COSMETIC PRODUCTS FROM CHILDREN INTERNATIONAL-**  
**USA TO CHILDREN INTERNATIONAL (CI)-PHILIPPINES, INC.**

**DATE :** **30 August 2024**

Forwarding the herein attached letters, all dated 01 August 2024, from Engr. Ana Trinidad F. Rivera, Director IV, Center for Cosmetics and Household/Urban Hazardous Substances Regulation and Research, FDA, addressed to Rebecca J. Fuelles, Director, CI-Philippines, Inc., interposing no objection to the release of the following donated cosmetics products from the Children International-USA to CI-Philippines, Inc.:

Product Description	BL Number	Quantity
Hygiene Kits (Bar soap, PCR Bottled Shampoo, Dental Tablets)	MEDUVJ706872	38,400 pcs
Hygiene Kits (Bar soap, PCR Bottled Shampoo, Dental Tablets)	ONEYRICER1435400	38,400 pcs
Hygiene Kits (Bar soap, PCR Bottled Shampoo, Dental Tablets)	ONEYRICER9727900	36,000 pcs
Bars of Soap (1.75. oz)	ONEYRICET2841600	384,000 pcs

The release of the said donated cosmetic products shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. A representative from the Food and Drug administration (FDA) – Customs Liaison Unit will conduct inspection of the products.



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2. These products shall not be for sale or commercially distributed in the market.
3. FDA shall not be held liable for any damage, injury, illness, or cause death that may result from the usage and consumption of the donated cosmetic products; and
4. The clearance is without prejudice to existing tariff rules and customs regulations.

For information and appropriate action.



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01 August 2024

**REBECCA FUELLOS**

Director

**CI-PHILIPPINES, INC.**

2/F Children International (Manila) Inc.

Block 10, Lot 19, Skylark St., Zabarte Subd.,

Kaligayahan, Novaliches, Quezon City



Subject: 38,400 pcs. Hygiene Kits  
(Bar Soap, PCR Bottled Shampoo, Dental Tablets)  
Bill of Lading: MEDUVJ706872

Dear Ms. Fuellos,

Please be informed that this Office interposes no objection to the release of the above products as donation by the Children International –Kansas, Missouri to CI-Philippines, Inc. located at 2/F Children International (Manila) Inc. Block 10, Lot 19, Skylark St., Zabarte Subd., Kaligayahan, Novaliches, Quezon City.

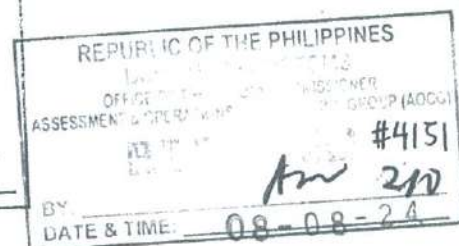
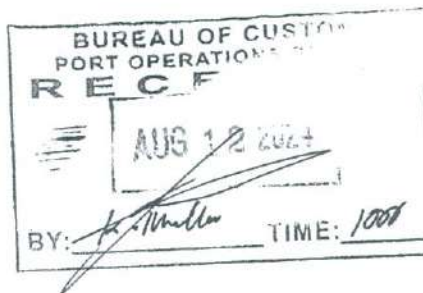
This is with the condition that:

- 1.) a representative from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) - Customs Liaison Unit will conduct inspection of the products.
- 2.) these products shall not be for sale or commercially distributed in the market.

Further, FDA shall not be held liable for any damages, injury, illness, or death that may result from the usage and consumption of these donated products.

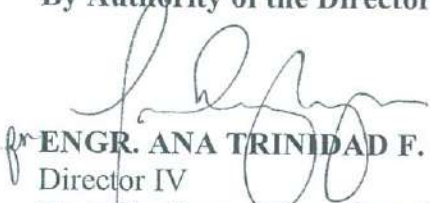
This clearance is issued without prejudice to tariff rules and customs regulations.

For inspection schedule, please email [oddgfroo@fda.gov.ph](mailto:oddgfroo@fda.gov.ph)





By Authority of the Director General:

  
for **ENGR. ANA TRINIDAD F. RIVERA, MSc**  
Director IV  
Center for Cosmetics and Household/Urban  
Hazardous Substances Regulation and Research

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cc: **ALELI ANNIE GRACE P. SUDIACAL, MD, MPH, CESE**  
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**JESUSA JOYCE N. CIRUNAY, RPh**  
OIC-Deputy Director General, Field Regulation Operations Office



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01 August 2024

**REBECCA FUELLOS**

Director

**CI-PHILIPPINES, INC.**

2/F Children International (Manila) Inc.  
Block 10, Lot 19, Skylark St., Zabarte Subd.,  
Kaligayahan, Novaliches, Quezon City



Subject: 38,400 pcs. Hygiene Kit  
(Bar Soap, PCR Bottled Shampoo, Dental Tablets)  
Bill of Lading: ONEYRICER1435400

Dear Ms. Fuellos,

Please be informed that this Office interposes no objection to the release of the above products as donation by the Children International –Kansas, Missouri to CI-Philippines, Inc. located at 2/F Children International (Manila) Inc. Block 10, Lot 19, Skylark St., Zabarte Subd., Kaligayahan, Novaliches, Quezon City.

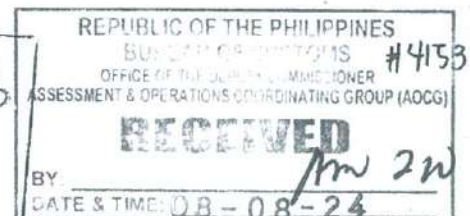
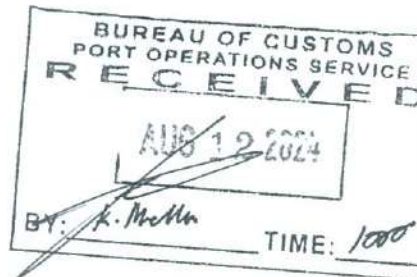
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- 2.) these products shall not be for sale or commercially distributed in the market.

Further, FDA shall not be held liable for any damages, injury, illness, or death that may result from the usage and consumption of these donated products.

This clearance is issued without prejudice to tariff rules and customs regulations.

For inspection schedule, please email [oddgfroo@fda.gov.ph](mailto:oddgfroo@fda.gov.ph)





By Authority of the Director General:

  
for **ENGR. ANA TRINIDAD F. RIVERA, MSc**  
Director IV  
Center for Cosmetics and Household/Urban  
Hazardous Substances Regulation and Research

O.R., No.: 7142024213259650  
Amount: Php 510.00  
Date: 14 July 2024  
DTN: 20240712095400  
mmn/CCT

cc: **ALELI ANNIE GRACE P. SUDIACAL, MD, MPH, CESE**  
Director IV, Bureau of International Health Cooperation  
**BIENVENIDO Y. RUBIO**  
Commissioner, Bureau of Customs  
**JESUSA JOYCE N. CIRUNAY, RPh**  
OIC-Deputy Director General, Field Regulation Operations Office



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01 August 2024

**REBECCA FUELLOS**

Director

**CI-PHILIPPINES, INC.**

2/F Children International (Manila) Inc.

Block 10, Lot 19, Skylark St., Zabarte Subd.,

Kaligayahan, Novaliches, Quezon City



Subject: 36,000 pcs. Hygiene Kit  
 (Bar Soap, PCR Bottled Shampoo, Dental Tablets)  
 Bill of Lading: ONEYRICER9727900

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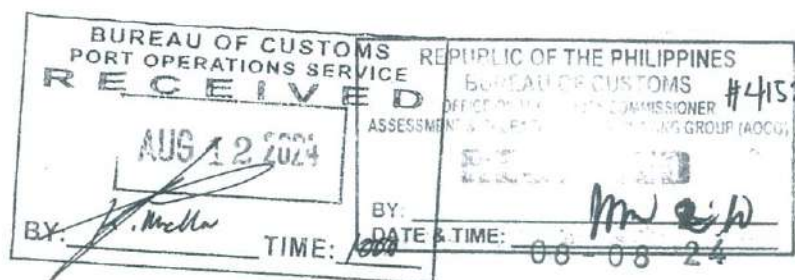
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Director IV  
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O.R.. No.: 7232024111346430  
Amount: Php 510.00  
Date: 23 July 2024  
DTN: 20240723092847  
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cc: **ALELI ANNIE GRACE P. SUDIACAL, MD, MPH, CESE**  
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**CI-PHILIPPINES, INC.**

2/F Children International (Manila) Inc.

Block 10, Lot 19, Skylark St., Zabarte Subd.,

Kaligayahan, Novaliches, Quezon City



Subject: 384,000 pcs. Bars of Soap 1.75 oz  
Bill of Lading: ONEYRICET2841600

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Director IV  
Center for Cosmetics and Household/Urban  
Hazardous Substances Regulation and Research

O.R. No.: 7262024100622750  
Amount: Php 510.00  
Date: 26 July 2024  
DTN: 20240726094047  
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cc: **ALELI ANNIE GRACE P. SUDIACAL, MD, MPH, CESE**  
Director IV, Bureau of International Health Cooperation  
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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 :** 06 September 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 copy of the Advance Ruling (AR) on Tariff Classification with Tariff Classification Circular (TCC/AR) issued on 29 August 2024 and the same having been reviewed and summarized as follows:

TCC. NO.	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	2022 AHTN CODE	2024 RATES OF DUTY
24-507	"AVIZANT® YELLOW 20 HS"	3203.00.90	MFN – 3% ad valorem

For information, guidance and strict compliance.

**CC: COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS**



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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
TARIFF COMMISSION

Ref. No. 24-081

29 August 2024

**COMMISSIONER BIENVENIDO Y. RUBIO**Bureau of Customs  
G/F OCOM Building  
16th Street, South Harbor  
Gate 3 Port Area, ManilaDear **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. 24-507, issued by this Commission on 29 August 2024. This Advance Ruling has also been posted on the Commission's website [www.tariffcommission.gov.ph](http://www.tariffcommission.gov.ph).

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
Digitally signed**MARILOU P. MENDOZA**  
Chairperson

Encl: As stated

cc: The Secretary  
Department of Finance  
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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	2	TCC (AR) NO.
	AHTN 3203.00.90		24-507
	MFN - 3% ad valorem	3	DATE ISSUED
			29 August 2024

## 4 DESCRIPTION OF GOOD

## "AVIZANT® YELLOW 20 HS"

Based on the product and safety data sheets, Veterinary Drug and Product Declaration Form and Certificate of Feed Product Registration from the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), manufacturing process, and product label submitted, subject article is a yellowish to rose-coloured, free-flowing powder containing natural xanthophyll (yellow pigment) obtained from the saponified extract of marigold (*Tagetes erecta*) flowers. It also contains wheat middling and calcium carbonate. Packed in 25-kg semi-vacuum sealed aluminium/polyethylene bags, subject article is to be mixed with poultry feeds to add color to food obtained from poultry (e.g., egg yolk, broiler skin, and fat).

## 5 REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION

Heading 32.03 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 covers, among others, colouring matter of vegetable or animal origin (including dyeing extracts but excluding animal black), whether or not chemically defined. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that this heading covers the greater part of the products of vegetable or animal origin used mainly as colouring substances. These products are generally extracted from materials of vegetable origin (wood, barks, roots, seeds, flowers, lichens, etc.) or of animal origin, by steeping them in water or in weak acid or ammonia solution or, in the case of certain vegetable materials, by fermentation. They are included in this heading whether or not they are chemically defined compounds. The heading includes colouring matter and dyeing extracts of vegetable origin obtained from logwood (haematein, haematoxylin, etc.), yellow woods (fustic, Cuba and Tampico woods, etc.), red woods (Pernambuco, Lima, Brazil wood, etc.), sandalwood, quercitron wood, black cutch (acacia catechu), annatto, madder, alkenna, henna, turmeric, Persian berries, safflower, saffron, etc. The heading also includes chlorophyll extracted from nettles and from various other plants, as well as sodium-chlorophyll, copper-chlorophyll and xanthophyll. The heading also covers preparations based on colouring matter of vegetable or animal origin, of a kind used for colouring any material or used as ingredients in the manufacture of colouring preparations.

In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 3203.00.90, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 3% 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

MARILOU P. MENDOZA  
Chairperson

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**MEMORANDUM**

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**FROM :** **ATTY. VENER S. BAQUIRAN**  
Deputy Commissioner  
Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group (AOCG)

**SUBJECT :** **TARIFF COMMISSION CIRCULARS/ADVANCE RULINGS  
(TCC/AR)**

**DATE :** 06 September 2024

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TCC. NO.	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	2022 AHTN CODE	2024 RATES OF DUTY
24-446	"ASUS® PROART DISPLAY, MODEL NO.: PA32UCR-K"	8528.52.00	MFN - Zero
24-509	"NOVIBAC® FELINE 1-HCP+FELV"	3002.42.00	MFN – 3% ad valorem
24-516	"DSF PAD"	4016.99.70	MFN – 5% ad valorem PJEPA – Zero* AJCEPA – Zero* RCEP – Zero*
24-517	"BROF JOINT TYPE Nx"	4016.99.99	MFN – 5% ad valorem PJEPA – Zero* AJCEPA – Zero* RCEP – Zero*
24-535	"SUN-TORQUE BOLT, MODEL: S10T (M22)"	7318.15.90	MFN – 10% ad valorem PJEPA – Zero* AJCEPA – Zero* RCEP – 7% 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
24-540	"NS PANEL BRIDGE™"	7308.10.10	MFN – 3% ad valorem PJEPA – Zero* ATIGA – Zero* AANZFTA – Zero* ACFTA – Zero* AHKFTA – Zero* AIFTA – Zero* AJCEPA – Zero* AKFTA – Zero* RCEP – Zero*
24-554	"CERETAN® MX 9320"	3404.90.90	MFN – 1% ad valorem
24-568	"PURINA® FANCY FEAST® PETITE DELIGHTS WITH GRILLED TURKEY"	2309.10.10	MFN – 5% ad valorem ATIGA – Zero* AANZFTA – Zero* ACFTA – Zero* AHKFTA – Zero* AIFTA – Zero* AJCEPA – Zero* AKFTA – Zero* RCEP – Zero*
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Ref. No. 24-082

30 August 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 eight Advance Rulings on Tariff Classification, with TCC (AR) Nos. 24-446, 24-509, 24-516, 24-517, 24-535, 24-540, 24-554, and 24-568, issued by this Commission on 30 August 2024. These Advance Rulings have also been posted on the Commission's website [www.tariffcommission.gov.ph](http://www.tariffcommission.gov.ph).

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

*Digitally signed*

**MARILOU P. MENDOZA**  
Chairperson

Encl: As stated

cc: 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)

1	<b>AHTN 2022 CODE AND 2024 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY</b>	2	<b>TCC (AR) NO.</b>
	AHTN 8528.52.00 MFN - Zero		24-446
		3	<b>DATE ISSUED</b>
			30 August 2024

## 4 DESCRIPTION OF GOOD

**"ASUS® PROART DISPLAY, MODEL NO.: PA32UCR-K"**

Based on the brochure and user guide submitted, subject article is a liquid crystal display (LCD) monitor. Capable of connecting to and designed for use with an automatic data processing machine, subject article comes with a stand and has the following specifications:

Screen Size (inch)	32
Resolution	3,840 x 2,160
Viewing Angle (H/V)	178° / 178°
Power Supply	100 – 240 V, 50/60 Hz
Dimension (with stand) (WxHxD) (mm)	726.88 x 604.15 ~ 474.15 x 245
Weight (with stand) (kg)	12.3
Connectivity	Universal Serial Bus (USB)-C; DisplayPort 1.2; High- Definition Multimedia Interface (HDMI) Version 2; USB 3.2; and earphone jack



## 5 REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION

Heading 85.28 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 covers, among others, monitors and projectors, not incorporating television reception apparatus. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that this heading includes monitors capable of directly connecting to and designed for use with an automatic data processing machine of heading 84.71. This group includes monitors which are capable of accepting a signal from the central processing unit of an automatic data processing machine and provide a graphical presentation of the data processed. The monitors of this group may be characterised by the following features, among others, they are fitted with connectors characteristic of data processing systems (e.g., RS-232C interface, DIN, D-SUB, VGA, DVI, HDMI or DP (display port) connectors); the viewable image size of these monitors does not generally exceed 76 cm (30 inches); and they have a display pitch size (usually smaller than 0.3 mm) suitable for close proximity viewing.

In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 8528.52.00, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of zero.

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

**MARILOU P. MENDOZA**  
Chairperson

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	AHTN 3002.42.00 MFN - 3% ad valorem		24-509
		3	DATE ISSUED
			30 August 2024

## 4 DESCRIPTION OF GOOD

## "NOBIVAC® FELINE 1-HCP+FELV"

Based on the brochure, product labels, summary of product characteristics, analytical documentation, and photograph of the product submitted, subject article is a combination of Feline Rhinotracheitis-Calici-Panleukopenia vaccine (HCP), a freeze-dried modified live virus in the form of a lyophilized cake, and a Feline Leukemia Virus vaccine (FeLV), a liquid-killed virus that acts as a diluent. A single dose (1 mL) of vaccine is prepared by transferring one vial of the FeLV vaccine to a vial of HCP vaccine, followed by homogenization through shaking. Packed in boxes containing 25 vials of each component (a total of 50 vials) arranged in a plastic tray, two doses of subject article are administered via subcutaneous or intramuscular injection to healthy cats nine weeks of age or older, with an interval of three to four weeks, for immunization against feline rhinotracheitis, calici, panleukopenia, and leukemia viruses.

## 5 REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION

Heading 30.02 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 covers, among others, vaccines, toxins, cultures of micro-organisms (excluding yeasts) and similar products. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that the most typical vaccines are prophylactic preparations of microbial origin containing either viruses or bacteria suspended in saline solutions, oil (lipovaccines) or other media. These preparations have usually been treated to reduce their toxicity without destroying their immunizing properties. Other vaccines include recombinant vaccines, peptide vaccines and carbohydrate vaccines. These vaccines generally contain an antigen, a recognised part of an antigen or a gene coding for a recognised part of an antigen (peptides, recombinants or conjugates of protein and others). The "recognised part of an antigen" is the part of an antigen which triggers the immunological response in the organism. Many of these vaccines target a specific virus or bacterium. These vaccines are used for prophylactic or therapeutic purposes.

In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 3002.42.00, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 3% ad valorem.

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1	<b>AHTN 2022 CODE AND 2024 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY</b>	2	<b>TCC (AR) NO.</b>
	<b>AHTN 4016.99.70</b>		<b>24-516</b>
	<b>MFN - 5% ad valorem</b>	3	<b>DATE ISSUED</b>
	<b>PJEPA - Zero</b>		<b>30 August 2024</b>
	<b>AJEPA - Zero</b>		
	<b>RCEP - Zero</b>		

## 4 DESCRIPTION OF GOOD

## "DSF PAD"

Based on the brochure, technical specifications, and photographs of the product submitted, subject article is a pad-type rubber bearing designed for bridges. It is produced by integral vulcanization molding of the elastic chloroprene rubber (CR), the upper and lower coating rubber, and layers of internal steel plates (covered with rubber to prevent corrosion). Suitable for skewed and curved bridges, subject article is used to counteract vertical forces, contractions, expansions, rotations, and displacement of bridge elements. It has dimensions (L x W x D) of 370 mm x 270~320 mm x 71~95 mm.



## 5 REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION

Heading 40.16 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 covers other articles of vulcanised rubber other than hard rubber. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that this heading covers all articles of vulcanised rubber (other than hard rubber) not covered by the preceding headings of this Chapter or by other Chapters.

In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 4016.99.70, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 5% ad valorem; Philippines-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (PJEPA) rate of duty of zero, subject to submission of Certificate of Origin (CO) Form "JP"; ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (AJCEPA) rate of duty of zero, subject to submission of CO Form "AJ"; 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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	<b>AHTN 4016.99.99</b>		<b>24-517</b>
	<b>MFN - 5% ad valorem</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>DATE ISSUED</b>
	<b>PJEPA - Zero</b>		<b>30 August 2024</b>
	<b>AJEPA - Zero</b>		
	<b>RCEP - Zero</b>		

**4** **DESCRIPTION OF GOOD**

**"BROF JOINT TYPE Nx"**

Based on the brochure, technical specifications, material composition, and photographs of the product submitted, subject article is a flexible rubber joint, primarily made of chloroprene rubber (CR), designed for bridges, roadways, and sidewalks. It is fitted with steel retention hardware, button bolts with holes, and reinforcing steel bars along each side. Having a manufactured length of up to 4,500 mm, subject article separates the bridge/sidewalk/roadway from other structures, providing a buffer that accommodates movement and minimizes potential damage (i.e., prevents stress transfer, controls cracking, and ensures the longevity of concrete structures). It also prevents water and debris infiltration, and minimizes issues like spalling, pumping, and faulting in roadways and sidewalks.



**5** **REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION**

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In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 4016.99.99, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 5% ad valorem; Philippines-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (PJEPA) rate of duty of zero, subject to submission of Certificate of Origin (CO) Form "JP"; ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (AJCEPA) rate of duty of zero, subject to submission of CO Form "AJ"; 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.

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FOR THE COMMISSION

*Digitally signed*  
*MariLou P. Mendoza*

**MARILOU P. MENDOZA**  
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Pursuant to Section 1100 of RA 10863 (CMTA)

1	<b>AHTN 2022 CODE AND 2024 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY</b>	2	<b>TCC (AR) NO.</b>
	AHTN 7318.15.90		24-535
	MFN - 10% ad valorem	3	<b>DATE ISSUED</b>
	PJEPA - Zero		30 August 2024
	AJCEPA - Zero		
	RCEP - 7% ad valorem		

4	DESCRIPTION OF GOOD																				
<p align="center"><b>"SUN-TORQUE BOLT, MODEL: S10T (M22)"</b></p> <p>Based on the brochure and photograph of the product submitted, subject article is a high-tension steel bolt presented with a hexagonal nut and plain washer. The bolt head is domed and is not designed to be driven, while the body consists of the shank, thread, and bolt tip. The completion of the bolt fastening is confirmed by the shearing-off of the notched end of the bolt. Designed to be used in structural steelwork connections, subject article has the following specifications:</p> <table><tr><td></td><td>Bolt</td><td>Nut</td><td>Washer</td></tr><tr><td>Grade</td><td>S10T</td><td>F10</td><td>F35</td></tr><tr><td>Inside Diameter</td><td>-</td><td>22 mm</td><td>23 - 23.8 mm</td></tr><tr><td>Outside Diameter</td><td>21.6 - 22.8 mm</td><td>-</td><td>43 - 44 mm</td></tr><tr><td>Length / Thickness</td><td>50 - 140 mm</td><td>21.6 - 22.4 mm</td><td>5.3 - 6.7 mm</td></tr></table>			Bolt	Nut	Washer	Grade	S10T	F10	F35	Inside Diameter	-	22 mm	23 - 23.8 mm	Outside Diameter	21.6 - 22.8 mm	-	43 - 44 mm	Length / Thickness	50 - 140 mm	21.6 - 22.4 mm	5.3 - 6.7 mm
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5	<b>REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION</b>
	<p>Heading 73.18 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 covers screws, bolts, nuts, coach screws, screw hooks, rivets, cotters, cotter-pins, washers (including spring washers) and similar articles, of iron or steel. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that bolts and nuts (including bolt ends), screw studs and other screws for metal, whether or not threaded or tapped, screws for wood and coach-screws are threaded (in the finished state) and are used to assemble or fasten goods so that they can readily be disassembled without damage. A bolt is designed to engage in a nut, whereas screws for metal are more usually screwed into a hole tapped in the material to be fastened and are therefore generally threaded throughout their length whereas bolts usually have a part of the shank unthreaded. Nuts are metal pieces designed to hold the corresponding bolts in place. Washers are usually small, thin discs with a hole in the centre; they are placed between the nut and one of the parts to be fixed to protect the latter. They may be plain, cut, split (e.g., Grower's spring washers), curved, cone shaped, etc.</p> <p>In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 7318.15.90, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 10% ad valorem; Philippines-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (PJEPA) rate of duty of zero, subject to submission of Certificate of Origin (CO) Form "JP"; ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (AJCEPA) rate of duty of zero, subject to submission of CO Form "AJ"; and Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement rate of duty of 7% ad valorem, subject to submission of CO Form "RCEP" or Declaration of Origin (DO) issued by an Approved Exporter.</p> <p>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.</p> <p align="right">FOR THE COMMISSION</p> <p align="right"><i>Digitally signed</i>    <b>MARILOU P. MENDOZA</b>  Chairperson</p> <p><i>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.</i></p>





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Pursuant to Section 1100 of RA 10863 (CMTA)

1	AHTN 2022 CODE AND 2024 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY	2	TCC (AR) NO.
			24-540
		3	DATE ISSUED
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AHTN 7308.10.10</b></p> <p><b>MFN - 3% ad valorem</b>      <b>PJEPA - Zero</b>  <b>ATIGA - Zero</b>              <b>AANZFTA - Zero</b>  <b>ACFTA - Zero</b>              <b>AHKFTA - Zero</b>  <b>AIFTA - Zero</b>              <b>AJCEPA - Zero</b>  <b>AKFTA - Zero</b>              <b>RCEP - Zero</b></p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>30 August 2024</b></p>	

4	DESCRIPTION OF GOOD
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>“NS PANEL BRIDGE”™</b></p> <p>Based on the brochure, technical drawing, and technical specifications submitted, subject article is a pre-engineered steel bridge consisting mainly of the prefabricated main panels (composed of steel I-beam girders, steel I-sections, steel plates, and steel bulb plates) and the intermediate panels (composed of steel I-sections, steel plates, and steel bulb plates). These are assembled onsite and joined by bolts using web and flanged splice plates. After assembly of the steel components, the placement/construction of reinforced concrete deck slab follows, without the need for formworks and scaffolding. Subject article is designed to reduce the dead load of bridges and for their rapid and simple construction.</p>	
5	REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION
<p>Heading 73.08 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 covers, among others, structures (excluding prefabricated buildings of heading 94.06) and parts of structures (for example, bridges and bridge-sections, lock-gates, towers, lattice masts, roofs, roofing frame-works, doors and windows and their frames and thresholds for doors, shutters, balustrades, pillars and columns), of iron or steel. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that the heading covers complete or incomplete metal structures, as well as parts of structures. For the purpose of this heading, these structures are characterised by the fact that once they are put in position, they generally remain in that position. They are usually made up from bars, rods, tubes, angles, shapes, sections, sheets, plates, wide flats including so-called universal plates, hoop, strip, forgings or castings, by riveting, bolting, welding, etc.</p> <p>In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 7308.10.10, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 3% 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:</p>	

2	TCC (AR) NO.
	24-540

Free Trade Agreement	Applicable Rates of Duty (%, ad valorem)	Proof of Origin
Philippines-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (PJEPA)	0	CO Form JP
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)	0	CO Form E
ASEAN-Hong Kong, China Free Trade Agreement (AHKFTA)	0	CO Form AHK
ASEAN-India Free Trade Area (AIFTA)	0	CO Form AI
ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (AJCEPA)	0	CO Form AJ
ASEAN-Korea Free Trade Area (AKFTA)	0	CO Form AK
Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement	0	CO Form RCEP or Declaration of Origin (DO) issued by an Approved Exporter

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FOR THE COMMISSION

*Marilou P. Mendoza* Digitally signed

**MARILOU P. MENDOZA**  
Chairperson

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1	AHTN 2022 CODE AND 2024 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY	2	TCC (AR) NO.
	AHTN 3404.90.90 MFN - 1% ad valorem		24-554
		3	DATE ISSUED
			30 August 2024

4	DESCRIPTION OF GOOD
	<p align="center"><b>"CERETAN® MX 9320"</b></p> <p>Based on the composition declaration, technical information and safety data sheets, test report from the Department of Science and Technology - Industrial Technology Development Institute (DOST-ITDI), and photograph of the packaging submitted, subject article is a micronized polyethylene wax in the form of a fine white powder. It has minimum and maximum drop points of 106°C and 116°C, respectively, and a viscosity of 57.3 cP. Packed in 20-kg bags, subject article is used as an additive in the manufacture of printing inks, paints, coatings, and masterbatch to improve scratch and abrasion resistance and impart anti-blocking and dispersing properties.</p>
5	REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION
	<p>Note 5 (a) to Chapter 34 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 states that in heading 34.04, subject to the exclusions provided, the expression "artificial waxes and prepared waxes" applies only to chemically produced organic products of a waxy character, whether or not water-soluble.</p> <p>Heading 34.04 of the AHTN 2022 covers artificial waxes and prepared waxes. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that this heading covers artificial waxes (sometimes known in industry as "synthetic waxes") and prepared waxes, as defined in Note 5 to this Chapter, which consist of or contain relatively high molecular weight organic substances and which are not separate chemically defined compounds. The waxes must have: (1) a dropping point above 40 °C; and (2) a viscosity, when measured by rotational viscometry, not exceeding 10 Pa.s (or 10,000 cP) at a temperature of 10 °C above their dropping point. The waxes of this heading vary in chemical composition. Such waxes include polyalkylene waxes (e.g., polyethylene wax). They are used in packaging materials, textile lubricants, polishes, etc.</p> <p>In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 3404.90.90, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 1% ad valorem.</p> <p>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.</p> <p align="right">FOR THE COMMISSION</p> <p align="right"><i>Digitally signed</i> <i>MariLou P. Mendoza</i></p> <p align="right"><b>MARILOU P. MENDOZA</b> Chairperson</p> <p><i>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.</i></p>





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Pursuant to Section 1100 of RA 10863 (CMTA)

<b>1 AHTN 2022 CODE AND 2024 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY</b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AHTN 2309.10.10</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><b>MFN - 5% ad valorem</b></td> <td><b>ATIGA - Zero</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>AANZFTA - Zero</b></td> <td><b>ACFTA - Zero</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>AHKFTA - Zero</b></td> <td><b>AIFTA - Zero</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>AJCEPA - Zero</b></td> <td><b>AKFTA - Zero</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>RCEP - Zero</b></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<b>MFN - 5% ad valorem</b>	<b>ATIGA - Zero</b>	<b>AANZFTA - Zero</b>	<b>ACFTA - Zero</b>	<b>AHKFTA - Zero</b>	<b>AIFTA - Zero</b>	<b>AJCEPA - Zero</b>	<b>AKFTA - Zero</b>	<b>RCEP - Zero</b>		<b>2 TCC (AR) NO.</b> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>24-568</b></p> <b>3 DATE ISSUED</b> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>30 August 2024</b></p>
<b>MFN - 5% ad valorem</b>	<b>ATIGA - Zero</b>										
<b>AANZFTA - Zero</b>	<b>ACFTA - Zero</b>										
<b>AHKFTA - Zero</b>	<b>AIFTA - Zero</b>										
<b>AJCEPA - Zero</b>	<b>AKFTA - Zero</b>										
<b>RCEP - Zero</b>											
<b>4 DESCRIPTION OF GOOD</b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>“PURINA® FANCY FEAST® PETITE DELIGHTS WITH GRILLED TURKEY”</b></p> <p>Based on the formula certificate, manufacturing process flow diagram, product specifications, product label declaration, and photograph of the product submitted, subject article is a gourmet wet cat food. It is made from chicken frame, wheat gluten, beef liver, poultry meal, amino acids, minerals and vitamins, turkey, thickeners, sugars, poultry oil, and non-artificial colours. Packed in 50-g pouches, subject article is to be fed to adult cats at 1.5 pouches per day per kilogram of bodyweight, to provide complete and balanced nutrition.</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>											
<b>5 REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION</b>  <p>Heading 23.09 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 covers preparations of a kind used in animal feeding. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that the heading further includes preparations for cats, dogs, etc., consisting of a mixture of meat, meat offal and other ingredients, put up in airtight containers and containing approximately the quantity required for one feed.</p> <p>In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 2309.10.10, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 5% 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:</p>											



2	TCC (AR) NO.
	24-568

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
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BOC-09-50727

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** ALL DISTRICT COLLECTORS  
ALL SUB-PORT COLLECTORS  
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

**FROM :**   
ATTY. VENER S. BAQUIRAN  
Deputy Commissioner  
Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group

**SUBJECT :** FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA)  
RECOMMENDATION FOR THE RELEASE OF DONATED  
FOOD PRODUCTS FROM CONVOY OF HOPE, USA TO THE  
CONVOY OF HOPE PHILIPPINES, INC. (COHPI)

**DATE :** 12 September 2024

Forwarding the herein attached letters dated 31 July 2024 and 09 August 2024, from Director Pilar Marilyn M. Pagayunan, Center for Food Regulation and Research, FDA, addressed to Mr. Luis Jose Raymundo S. Sasuman, Chief of Operations and Finance, COHPI, recommending clearance for the release of the following donated food products from Convoy of Hope, USA to COHPI:

Date	Container Number	Seal Number	Product Name	Quantity	Expiry Date
31 July 2024	MSCU 5058341	UL-2662856	Rice & veggie meals	462 cases	Earliest of which is January 2027
			Soup Mix	672 cases	Earliest of which is April 2026
09 Aug 2024	TCKU 4702984	2254656	Fortified Rice & Soy Protein Meal	1,320 cases	Earliest of which is August 2025

The release of the donated food products shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. The products shall have been inspected and cleared by a representative from the FDA – Regional Field Office;



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2. The clearance shall solely be for the release of the products from this Bureau and shall not be construed as an authorization for its distribution, sale, offer for sales, and use;
3. FDA shall not be held liable for any damage, injury, illness, death that may result from the distribution and use of the donated food products; and
4. The clearance is without prejudice to existing tariff rules and customs regulations.

For information and appropriate action.





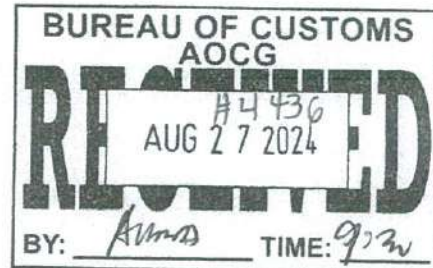
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Department of Health  
**FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION**



31 July 2024

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**MR. LUIS JOSE RAYMUNDO S. SASUMAN**  
Chief of Operations and Finance  
**Convoy of Hope Philippines, Inc.**  
1924, Taft Avenue corner Bernabe St.,  
Brgy. 044, Pasay City

Dear **Mr. Sasuman**:

Please be informed that this Office recommends the release of the following food product donated by Convoy of Hope – One Convoy Drive, Springfield, MO 65802, U.S.A. to **CONVOY OF HOPE PHILIPPINES, INC.** located at Warehouse B4, Guillermo Compound, Sta. Rosa 1, Marilao, Bulacan, Philippines:

Product Name	Quantity	Expiry Date
Rice and Veggie Meals	462 cases	Earliest of which is January 2027
Soup Mix	672 cases	Earliest of which is April 2026
Container Number <b>MSCU5058341</b>	Seal UL-2662856	

The release of said donated food products is on the condition that the said product shall have been inspected and cleared by a representative from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) – Customs Liaison Unit.

This clearance shall only be for the RELEASE of the product from the Bureau of Customs and shall not be construed as an authorization for its distribution, sale, offer for sales and use. FDA shall not be held liable for any damage, injury, illness, death that may result from the distribution and use of the donated food product.

This clearance is without prejudice to existing tariff rules and customs regulations.

For inspection schedule, please contact the FDA – RFO at [rfoncr@fda.gov.ph](mailto:rfoncr@fda.gov.ph)

Very truly yours,

**PILAR MARIUYN M. PAGAYUNAN**  
Director IV  
Center for Food Regulation and Research

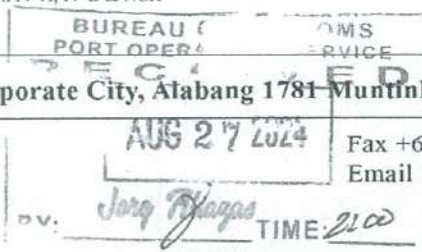


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**MR. LUIS JOSE RAYMUNDO S. SASUMAN**

Chief of Operations and Finance

**Convoy of Hope Philippines, Inc.**

1924, Taft Avenue corner Bernabe Street,  
Brgy. 044, Pasay City



Dear Mr. Sasuman:

Please be informed that this Office recommends the release of the following food product donated by Convoy of Hope – 330 S. Patterson Springfield, MO 65802, US to **CONVOY OF HOPE PHILIPPINES, INC.** located at Municipal Nursery, Sta. Rosa 1, Marilao, Bulacan, Philippines:

Product Name	Quantity	Expiry Date
Fortified Rice & Soy Protein Meal	1,320 cases	Earliest of which is August 2025
Container Number TCKU 4702984		Seal Number 2254656

The release of said donated food products is on the condition that the said product shall have been inspected and cleared by a representative from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) – Regional Field Office.

This clearance shall only be for the RELEASE of the product from the Bureau of Customs and shall not be construed as an authorization for its distribution, sale, offer for sales and use. FDA shall not be held liable for any damage, injury, illness, death that may result from the distribution and use of the donated food product.

This clearance is without prejudice to existing tariff rules and customs regulations.

For inspection schedule, please contact the FDA – Regional Field Office at [rfoliii@fda.gov.ph](mailto:rfoliii@fda.gov.ph) or [rfoliii@fda.gov.ph](mailto:rfoliii@fda.gov.ph).

Very truly yours,

**PILAR MARILYN M. PAGAYUNAN**

Director IV

Center for Food Regulation and Research

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** ALL DISTRICT COLLECTORS  
ALL SUB-PORT COLLECTORS  
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**FROM :** ATTY. VENER S. BAQUIRAN  
Deputy Commissioner  
Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group

**SUBJECT :** FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA)  
RECOMMENDATION FOR THE RELEASE OF DONATED  
FOOD PRODUCTS FROM FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN  
TO INTERNATIONAL CARE MINISTRIES FOUNDATION, INC.  
(ICMFI)

**DATE :** 13 September 2024

Forwarding the herein attached letters all dated 09 August 2024 from Director Pilar Marilyn M. Pagayunan, Center for Food Regulation and Research, FDA, addressed to Mr. Edgardo Sta. Ana, Logistics Manager, ICMFI recommending clearance for the release of the following donated food products from Feed My Starving Children to ICMFI:

Date	Container Number	Invoice Number	Product Name	Quantity	Expiry Date
09 Aug 2024	UETU 611449-2	UL-3216384	Donated Foodstuff-FMSC Meal 01-06 MannaPack™ Rice (36-370g bag) Rice Fortified Rice and soy Meal (White rice, textured soy protein, dehydrated vegetables, vegetarian flavoring with a vitamin and mineral blend)	1,260 boxes	July 2027
09 Aug 2024	ONEU 131891-8	UL-3216386	Donated Foodstuff-FMSC Meal 01-06 MannaPack™ Rice (36-370g bag) Rice Fortified Rice and soy Meal (White rice, textured soy protein, dehydrated vegetables, vegetarian flavoring with a vitamin and mineral blend)	1,260 boxes	July 2027
09 Aug 2024	GAOU 6500745	UL-3216388	Donated Foodstuff-FMSC Meal 01-06 MannaPack™ Rice (36-370g bag) Rice Fortified Rice and soy Meal	1,260 boxes	July 2027



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			(White rice, textured soy protein, dehydrated vegetables, vegetarian flavoring with a vitamin and mineral blend)		
09 Aug 2024	KKFU 788815-0	UL- 3076416	Donated Foodstuff-FMSC Meal 01-07 MannaPack™ Rice (14-1kg bag) Rice Fortified Rice and soy Meal (White rice, textured soy protein, dehydrated vegetables, vegetarian flavoring with a vitamin and mineral blend)	1,260 boxes	July 2027
09 Aug 2024	BEAU 542865-8	UL- 3076413	Donated Foodstuff-FMSC Meal 01-07 MannaPack™ Rice (14-1kg bag) Rice Fortified Rice and soy Meal (White rice, textured soy protein, dehydrated vegetables, vegetarian flavoring with a vitamin and mineral blend)	1,260 boxes	July 2027
09 Aug 2024	MSNU 710524-0	UL- 3076412	Donated Foodstuff-FMSC Meal 01-07 MannaPack™ Rice (14-1kg bag) Rice Fortified Rice and soy Meal (White rice, textured soy protein, dehydrated vegetables, vegetarian flavoring with a vitamin and mineral blend)	1,260 boxes	July 2027

The release of the donated food product shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. The products shall have been inspected and cleared by a representative from the FDA – Regional Field Office;
2. The clearance shall solely be for the release of the products from this Bureau and shall not be construed as an authorization for its distribution, sale, offer for sales, and use;
3. FDA shall not be held liable for any damage, injury, illness, death that may result from the distribution and use of the donated food products; and
4. The clearance is without prejudice to existing tariff rules and customs regulations.

For information and appropriate action.



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Product Name	Quantity	Expiry Date
Donated Foodstuff – FMSC Meal 01-6 MannaPack™ Rice (36-370g bag) Rice Fortified Rice and Soy Meal (White rice, textured soy protein, dehydrated vegetables, vegetarian flavoring with a vitamin and mineral blend)	1,260 boxes	Earliest of which is July 2027
Container Number UETU 611449-2	Seal Number UL-3216384	


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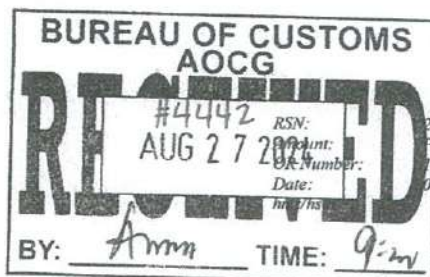
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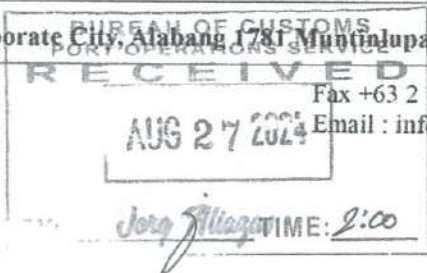
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Director IV  
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Container Number ONEU 131891-8	Seal Number UL-3216386	

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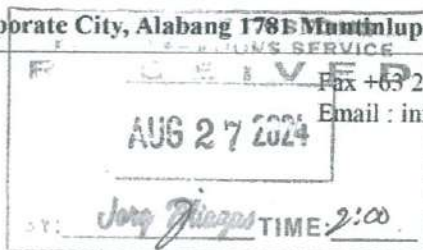
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Container Number GAOU 6500745	Seal Number UL-3216388	

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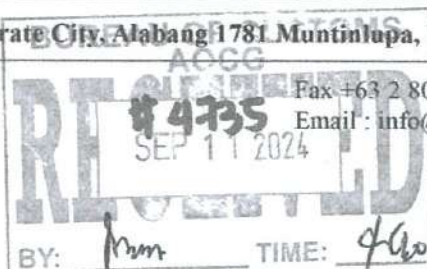
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Container Number KKFU 788815-0	Seal Number UL-3076416	

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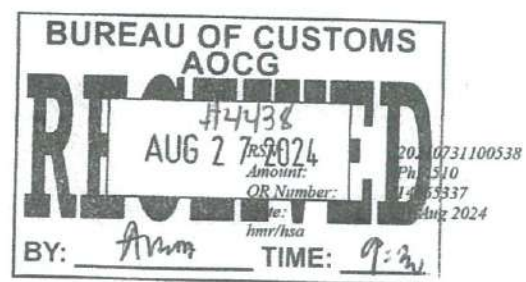
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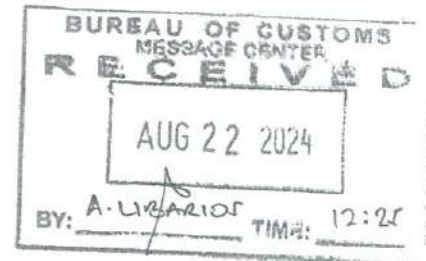




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Container Number BEAU 542865-8	Seal Number UL-3076413	

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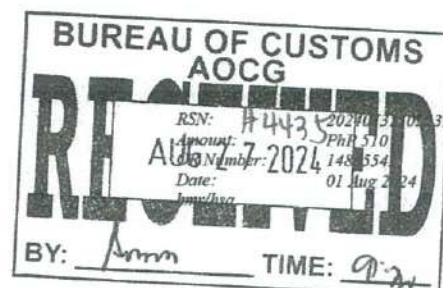
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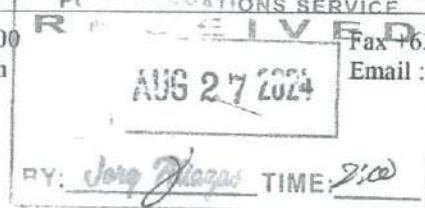
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Container Number MSNU 710524-0	Seal Number UL-3076412	

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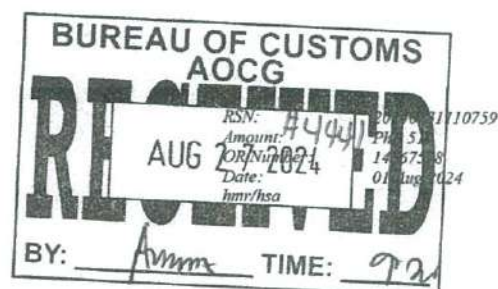
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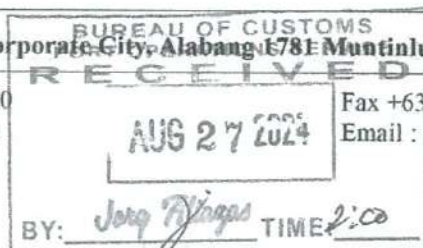
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**MEMORANDUM**

**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 :** 09 September 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 copy of the Advance Ruling (AR) on Tariff Classification with Tariff Classification Circular (TCC/AR) issued on 02 September 2024 and the same having been reviewed and summarized as follows:

TCC. NO.	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	2022 AHTN CODE	2024 RATES OF DUTY
24-546	"AVIAX® PLUS"	3003.20.00	MFN – 3% ad valorem

For information, guidance and strict compliance.

CC: COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS



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02 September 2024

**COMMISSIONER BIENVENIDO Y. RUBIO**Bureau of Customs  
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Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
Digitally signed**MARILOU P. MENDOZA**

Chairperson

Encl: As stated

cc: 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)

1	AHTN 2022 CODE AND 2024 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY	2	TCC (AR) NO.
	AHTN 3003.20.00 MFN - 3% ad valorem		24-546
		3	DATE ISSUED
			02 September 2024

## 4 DESCRIPTION OF GOOD

## "AVIAX® PLUS"

Based on the Certificate of Product Registration from the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), technical summary, product brochure, safety data sheet, summary of product characteristics, and supplementary information submitted, subject article is an anticoccidial feed premix in the form of light to dark mustard-colored granules with occasional presence of white particles. It contains 3 g semduramicin (in the form of semduramicin sodium mycelial) and 8 g nicarbazin per 100 g of feed premix, and excipients (soybean oil, sodium carbonate, butylated hydroxytoluene, stearic acid, and corn grits). Packed in 25-kg bags, subject article is to be mixed at a ratio of 500 to 600 grams per ton of feeds of broiler chicken, from hatching until one day before slaughter, for the prevention of coccidiosis caused by *Eimeria acervulina*, *E. maxima*, *E. tenella*, *E. necatrix*, *E. mitis*, *E. mivati*, and *E. brunetti*.

## 5 REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION

Heading 30.03 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 covers medicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06) consisting of two or more constituents which have been mixed together for therapeutic or prophylactic uses, not put up in measured doses or in forms or packings for retail sale. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that this heading covers medicinal preparations for use in the internal or external treatment or prevention of human or animal ailments. These preparations are obtained by mixing together two or more substances. The heading includes preparations containing a single pharmaceutical substance together with an excipient, sweetening agent, agglomerating agent, support, etc.

In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 3003.20.00, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 3% 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

Digitally signed  
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.





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**FROM :**   
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**SUBJECT :** TARIFF COMMISSION CIRCULARS/ADVANCE RULINGS  
(TCC/AR)

**DATE :** 10 September 2024

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24-504	"FAW BESTUNE XIAOMA CA7000BEVB BEV (BATTERY ELECTRIC VEHICLE)"	8703.80.98	MFN – Zero ACFTA – 30% ad valorem* RCEP – 30% ad valorem*
24-521	"ALPHASOY™ GOLD POWDER"	2309.90.20	MFN - Zero
24-523	"RNT BIOZYME™"	3507.90.00	MFN – 3% ad valorem
24-545	"MOCAFE JAVA CHIP – ICE BLENDED FRAPPE MIX"	1806.90.90	MFN – 7% ad valorem
24-561	"GART-P SERIES CENTRIFUGAL CHILLER"	8418.69.41	MFN – Zero ACFTA – Zero* RCEP – Zero*

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24-562	"GART-P.I. SERIES CENTRIFUGAL CHILLER"	8418.69.41	MFN – Zero ACFTA – Zero* RCEP – Zero*
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TARIFF COMMISSION

Ref. No. 24-085

06 September 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 six Advance Rulings on Tariff Classification, with TCC (AR) Nos. 24-504, 24-521, 24-523, 24-545, 24-561, and 24-562, issued by this Commission on 06 September 2024. These Advance Rulings have also been posted on the Commission's website [www.tariffcommission.gov.ph](http://www.tariffcommission.gov.ph).

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

*Digitally signed*  
*MariLou P. Mendoza*

**MARILOU P. MENDOZA**  
Chairperson

Encl: *As stated*

cc: *The Secretary*  
*Department of Finance*  
*Manila*



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## ADVANCE RULING ON TARIFF CLASSIFICATION

Pursuant to Section 1100 of RA 10863 (CMTA)

<b>1</b>	<b>AHTN 2022 CODE AND 2024 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>TCC (AR) NO.</b>
	AHTN 8703.80.98		24-504
	MFN - Zero	<b>3</b>	<b>DATE ISSUED</b>
	ACFTA - 30% ad valorem		06 September 2024
	RCEP - 30% ad valorem		

<b>4</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF GOOD</b>										
	<p><b>"FAW BESTUNE XIAOMA CA7000BEVB BEV (BATTERY ELECTRIC VEHICLE)"</b></p> <p>Based on the brochure and technical information submitted, subject article is a completely built-up (CBU), rear-wheel drive (RWD) hatchback vehicle. It uses a permanent magnet synchronous motor as the sole means of propulsion. Available in medium and high configurations, subject article has the following specifications:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td><b>Battery Type / Energy (kWh)</b></td><td>Lithium iron phosphate / 13.9</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Maximum Motor Power (kW)</b></td><td>20</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Maximum Motor Torque (N·m)</b></td><td>85</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Overall Dimension (LxWxH) (mm)</b></td><td>3,000 x 1,510 x 1,630</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Seating Capacity</b></td><td>4 persons</td></tr> </table> 	<b>Battery Type / Energy (kWh)</b>	Lithium iron phosphate / 13.9	<b>Maximum Motor Power (kW)</b>	20	<b>Maximum Motor Torque (N·m)</b>	85	<b>Overall Dimension (LxWxH) (mm)</b>	3,000 x 1,510 x 1,630	<b>Seating Capacity</b>	4 persons
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<b>5</b>	<b>REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION</b>
	<p>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. Vehicles propelled by one or more electric motors powered by electric accumulator packs are known as "Electric Vehicles (EVs)".</p> <p>In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 8703.80.98, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of zero; ASEAN-China Free Trade Area (ACFTA) rate of duty of 30% ad valorem, subject to submission of Certificate of Origin (CO) Form "E"; and Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement rate of duty of 30% ad valorem, subject to submission of CO Form "RCEP" or Declaration of Origin (DO) issued by an Approved Exporter.</p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">FOR THE COMMISSION</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Digitally signed</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>MARILOU P. MENDOZA</b> Chairperson</p> <p><b>Note:</b> 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.</p>





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1	<b>AHTN 2022 CODE AND 2024 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY</b>	2	<b>TCC (AR) NO.</b>
	<b>AHTN 2309.90.20</b>		<b>24-521</b>
	<b>MFN - Zero</b>	3	<b>DATE ISSUED</b>
			<b>06 September 2024</b>

4	<b>DESCRIPTION OF GOOD</b>
	<p align="center"><b>"ALPHASOY™ GOLD POWDER"</b></p> <p>Based on the formulation data, technical data sheet, product quality specifications, Certificate of Feed Product Registration from the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), product label, and photograph of the product submitted, subject article is a complementary feed composed of co-processed soy proteins and hydrolysed yeast. It contains, at a minimum, 52% crude protein, and is in the form of a light-coloured powder with a neutral odour. Packed in 20-kg bags, 500-kg and 1,000-kg big bags, and in bulk packaging, subject article is added to piglet and poultry feeds at an inclusion rate of up to 15% of the feed, as an alternative functional protein source.</p>

5	<b>REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION</b>
	<p>Heading 23.09 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 covers preparations of a kind used in animal feeding. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that this heading covers sweetened forage and prepared animal feeding stuffs consisting of a mixture of several nutrients designed, among others, to achieve a suitable daily diet by supplementing the basic farm-produced feed with organic or inorganic substances (supplementary feed). Farm-produced feed is usually rather low in proteins, minerals or vitamins. The preparations devised to compensate for these deficiencies, so as to ensure a well-balanced animal diet, consist of proteins, minerals or vitamins plus additional-energy feeds (carbohydrates) which serve as a carrier for the other ingredients. Although, qualitatively, these preparations have much the same composition as those described in complete feeds, they are distinguished by a relatively high content of one particular nutrient.</p> <p>In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 2309.90.20, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of zero.</p> <p>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.</p> <p align="right">FOR THE COMMISSION</p> <p align="right"><i>Digitally signed</i></p> <p align="right"><i>Mari Lou P. Mendoza</i></p> <p align="right"><b>MARILOU P. MENDOZA</b></p> <p align="right">Chairperson</p> <p><b>Note:</b> 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.</p>





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1	AHTN 2022 CODE AND 2024 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY	2	TCC (AR) NO.
	AHTN 3507.90.00 MFN - 3% ad valorem		24-523
		3	DATE ISSUED
			06 September 2024

4	DESCRIPTION OF GOOD
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>"RNT BIOZYME™"</b></p> <p>Based on the Certificate of Product Registration from the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), safety data sheet, manufacturing process, and photograph of the packaging submitted, subject article is a bioactive enzyme blend in the form of a light brown powder. It is composed of amylase, cellulase, protease, xylanase, and beta-glucanase. Packed in 25-kg bags, subject article is added to feeds of swine, poultry, and aquaculture species at a rate of 200 to 500 g per ton of feeds, to enhance the digestibility and increase the nutritional value of cereal-based diets. It also improves the feed conversion efficiency and production performance of swine and poultry.</p>
5	REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION
	<p>Heading 35.07 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 covers, among others, prepared enzymes not elsewhere specified or included. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that enzymes are organic substances produced by living cells; they have the property of causing and regulating specific chemical reactions inside or outside living cells, without themselves undergoing any change in their chemical structure. Enzymes may be referred to according to, among others, their biological activity as amylases, lipases, proteases, etc. This heading includes prepared enzymes not elsewhere specified or included. Prepared enzymes are obtained by further dilution of the enzymatic concentrates or by intermixing isolated enzymes or enzymatic concentrates. Preparations with substances added, which render them suitable for specific purposes, are also included in this heading, provided they are not covered by a more specific heading in the Nomenclature.</p> <p>In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 3507.90.00, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 3% ad valorem.</p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">FOR THE COMMISSION</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Digitally signed</i> <i>MariLou P. Mendoza</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>MARILOU P. MENDOZA</b> Chairperson</p> <p><b>Note:</b> 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.</p>





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	AHTN 1806.90.90 MFN - 7% ad valorem		24-545
		3	DATE ISSUED
			06 September 2024

4	DESCRIPTION OF GOOD
	<p><b>"MOCAFE JAVA CHIP - ICE BLENDED FRAPPE MIX"</b></p> <p>Based on the Certificate of Product Registration from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), product composition, and specification information submitted, subject article is a beverage mix in the form of a brown water-soluble, free-flowing powder with a mocha aroma and flavour. It is composed of sugar, non-dairy creamer, corn syrup solids, alkalized cocoa powder (3%), dessert chunk, semi-sweet chocolate cookie drops (5%), low heat non-fat dry milk, industrial coffee powder, baker's salt, and espresso coffee F1 powder, among others. Used in making beverages, subject article is packed in cartons containing four pieces of 3-lb foil bags.</p>
5	REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION
	<p>Note 2 to Chapter 18 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 states that heading 18.06 includes sugar confectionery containing cocoa and, subject to Note 1 to this Chapter, other food preparations containing cocoa.</p> <p>Heading 18.06 of the AHTN 2022 covers chocolate and other food preparations containing cocoa. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that the heading also includes all sugar confectionery containing cocoa in any proportion (including chocolate nougat), sweetened cocoa powder, chocolate powder, chocolate spreads, and, in general, all food preparations containing cocoa (other than those excluded in the General Explanatory Note to this Chapter).</p> <p>In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 1806.90.90, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 7% ad valorem.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>FOR THE COMMISSION</p> <p><i>Digitally signed</i> <i>MariLou P. Mendoza</i></p> <p><b>MARILOU P. MENDOZA</b> Chairperson</p> <p><b>Note:</b> 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.</p>





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	MFN - Zero	<b>3</b>	<b>DATE ISSUED</b>
	ACFTA - Zero		06 September 2024
	RCEP - Zero		

4	DESCRIPTION OF GOOD																				
<p align="center"><b>"GART-P SERIES CENTRIFUGAL CHILLER"</b></p> <p>Based on the technical specifications submitted, subject articles are water-cooled centrifugal chillers for air conditioning systems. These are powered by hermetic centrifugal-type compressors that use HFC134a refrigerant with shell and tube heat exchangers. Subject articles are equipped with a starter panel and subcooler (optional) and have the following specifications:</p> <table><tr><th>Model Code</th><th>Refrigerating Capacity (kW)</th><th>No. of compressors</th><th>Dimension (LxWxH) (mm)</th></tr><tr><td>GART-60P</td><td>1,758 ~ 2,110</td><td rowspan="5">1</td><td>4,400 x 2,400 x 2,500</td></tr><tr><td>GART-80P</td><td>2,110 ~ 3,165</td><td>4,900 x 2,700 x 2,600</td></tr><tr><td>GART-100P</td><td>3,165 ~ 4,571</td><td>5,000 x 2,900 x 2,800</td></tr><tr><td>GART-150P</td><td>4,571 ~ 6,329</td><td>5,100 x 3,100 x 3,000</td></tr><tr><td>GART-250P</td><td>6,329 ~ 9,494</td><td>6,400 x 3,600 x 3,300</td></tr></table>		Model Code	Refrigerating Capacity (kW)	No. of compressors	Dimension (LxWxH) (mm)	GART-60P	1,758 ~ 2,110	1	4,400 x 2,400 x 2,500	GART-80P	2,110 ~ 3,165	4,900 x 2,700 x 2,600	GART-100P	3,165 ~ 4,571	5,000 x 2,900 x 2,800	GART-150P	4,571 ~ 6,329	5,100 x 3,100 x 3,000	GART-250P	6,329 ~ 9,494	6,400 x 3,600 x 3,300
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<b>5</b>	<b>REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION</b>
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	ACFTA - Zero		06 September 2024
	RCEP - Zero		

## 4 DESCRIPTION OF GOOD

## "GART-P.I. SERIES CENTRIFUGAL CHILLER"

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MARILOU P. MENDOZA  
Chairperson

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**MEMORANDUM**



BOC-01-08864

**FOR : THE DIRECTOR, LEGAL SERVICE, RCMG  
ALL DISTRICT COLLECTOR  
ALL SUPPORT COLLECTOR  
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

**THRU : ATTY. VENER S. BAQUIRAN**  
Deputy Commissioner  
Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group (AOCG)

**ATTY. GENIEFELLE P. LAGMAY**  
Acting Director  
Port Operations Service (POS)

**FROM : ATTY. FERDINAND T. PAUIG**  
Acting Chief  
Port Operations Coordination Division (POCD)

**SUBJECT : ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF NO ACCOUNTABILITY FOR  
THE RENEWAL OF CUSTOMS FACILITIES AND  
WAREHOUSES (CFW)**

**DATE : 24 SEPTEMBER 2024**

This pertains to the efforts of the Bureau of Customs to streamline the process of the issuance of the Certificate of No Accountability for the renewal of Certificate of Authority (COA) to Operate of Customs Facilities and Warehouses (CFWs). By way of background, the accredited CFWs have an authority to operate, which is valid for three (3) years, counted from the date of the approval of the application for establishment or coterminous with the submitted Contract of Lease.

Section 5.5 of Customs Memorandum Order (CMO) No. 18-2022 on the renewal of authority to operate provides that at least ninety (90) days before the expiration of COA, the CFW operator shall file the application for renewal of its Authority to Operate. Further, Section 5.5.2 provides that the District Collector shall cause the inspection of the Off-dock CFS and require a Certificate of No Accountability from the following offices as a pre-condition for renewal:



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- Legal Service, RCMG;
- Customs Intelligence and Investigation Service (CIIS);
- Enforcement and Security Service (ESS);
- Law Division;
- Bonds Division; and
- Piers Inspection Division (PID)

Pursuant to Republic Act (R.A.) No. 11032, otherwise known as the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018, in order to establish effective practices aimed at an efficient turnaround of the delivery of government services, the above identified offices authorized to sign in the Certificate of No Accountability are instructed to manifest their objections within three (3) days upon receipt from the respective District Offices and to inform the latter of its objection. The Certificate of No Accountability shall be deemed automatically approved by the respective District Collectors if no objection from the above-mentioned Offices has been received beyond three (3) days from transmittal.

The particular objection of the identified offices shall pertain to the following:

- Pending legal cases in case of Legal Service and Law Division;
- Pending investigation in case of CIIS;
- Pending enforcement-related issues in case of ESS;
- Pending/outstanding obligation in so far as posting of the required security in case of Bonds Division; and
- Pending/outstanding obligation on operations-related issues in case of PID

Subsequently, the recommendation for approval of the CFW's renewal of authority to operate by the respective District Offices shall be endorsed to the POCD-POS with the corresponding Certificate of No Accountability pursuant to the above CMO. In the absence of a Certificate of No Accountability, you are instructed to inform this Office that no objection has been received from the identified offices beyond three (3) days from transmittal.

Relative thereto, all CFWs are directed to secure the clearances separately from the above-mentioned Offices.

For strict compliance.



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