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Committee on Import Licensing

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**AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES**

**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 5.1 TO 5.4 OF THE AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup>**

**PHILIPPINES**

The following notification, originally received on 3 November 2022, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Philippines.

	Category	Notification details
1	Notifying Member	Philippines
2	Title of new legislation/procedure	DENR Administrative Order No. 2021-06 - Revised Regulations Governing the Entry and Disposition of Imported Wood Products
3	Date of Publication	5 May 2021
4	Date of entry into force	19 May 2021
5	Website link/Official publication of the new regulation/procedure	Website Link: <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ILBVLO35FwPhsJL2iF0RPztmyRUBUXPr/view">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ILBVLO35FwPhsJL2iF0RPztmyRUBUXPr/view</a>  Official publication: The Manila Times, 4 May 2021, Newspaper Issue
6	Have you attached a copy of the regulation (PDF) to the Secretariat	[X] Yes. (Please attach a copy of the regulation to the notification.) [ ] No.
7	Type of notification	[ ] (a) New licensing regulation/procedure <sup>2</sup> ; (please answer question 8 to 14)  [X] (b) Changes to a regulation/procedure which has been previously notified in document: G/LIC/N/2/PHL/42; (please answer question 15 and 16)
8	List of products subject to licensing	
9	Nature of licensing	Automatic: [ ]  Non-Automatic: [ ]
10	Administrative purpose/measure being implemented	(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Protect public morals; (b) <input type="checkbox"/> Protect human, animal or plant life and health; protect environment; (c) <input type="checkbox"/> Collect trade statistics or market surveillance; (d) <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of patents, trademarks and copyrights, and the prevention of deceptive practices; (e) <input type="checkbox"/> Pursue obligations under the UN Charter and other international treaties (i.e. CITES, Basel Convention, Rotterdam Convention, UNSC Resolutions etc.)

<sup>1</sup> It is understood that the notifying Member has also completed its notification obligations under Article 1.4(a) and Article 8.2(b) regarding the relevant law/regulation/procedure notified for by filling this form in a full and complete manner.

<sup>2</sup> "New licensing regulation/procedure" is understood to refer to any newly introduced law, regulation or procedure, and those which are in force but being notified for the first time to the Committee.

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		(f) <input type="checkbox"/> Quota (including TRQ) administration; (g) <input type="checkbox"/> Regulate imports of arms, ammunition or fissionable materials and safeguard national security; (h) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (please specify)
11	<b>Administrative body(ies) for submission of applications</b>	Ministry/authority and Department: [ ] Address: [ ] Website: [ ] Telephone: [ ] E-Mail: [ ]
12	<b>Contact point for information on eligibility</b>	Ministry/authority and Department: [ ] Address: [ ] Website: [ ] Telephone: [ ] E-Mail: [ ]
13	<b>Expected duration of licensing procedure</b>	
14	<b>A summary of the notification in one of the WTO official languages</b>	
15	<b>In the case of 7(b), please indicate the type of new change(s)</b>	(a) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Termination</b> (b) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Suspension</b> (c) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Modification of specific details in existing procedures:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Product coverage; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administrative purpose; <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic or Non-automatic; <input type="checkbox"/> Duration of licensing; <input type="checkbox"/> Change the nature of quantity/value restriction; <input type="checkbox"/> Eligibility of applicants; <input type="checkbox"/> Contact information on eligibility; <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative body(ies) for submission of application; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Documentation requirements (including application form); <input type="checkbox"/> Period for Application; <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative body(ies) to issue licence; <input type="checkbox"/> Processing time for issuing licence; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Licence fee/administrative charge; <input type="checkbox"/> Deposit/advance payment and relevant conditions; <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal regulations/procedures; <input type="checkbox"/> Validity of licence; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other conditions of licence (extension, transferability, penalty of non-use etc.); <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign exchange requirements; <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (please specify).
16	<b>Please elaborate the changes in detail (in one of the WTO official languages)</b>	Product Coverage: Revised list of wood products mentioned in Annex I.  1. Product coverage can be found in Annex I below. 2. The objective of the modification is to rationalize the requirements and procedures of the importation of wood products into the country. 3. For every application for a new or renewal of a Certificate of Registration issues, the following shall be collected: (a) application/registration fee PHP 3,000.00, or (b) cash bond of PHP 12,000.00. 4. The certificate of Registration issued shall be valid for a period not exceeding 1 year, subject to renewal for a similar period upon application and proper compliance with existing DENR rules and regulation.

**ANNEX I**

<b>AHTN No. Code</b>	<b>Imported Wood Products</b>
44.01	Fuel wood, in logs, in billets, in twigs, in faggots or in similar forms; wood in chips or particles; sawdust and wood waste and scrap, whether or not agglomerated in logs, briquettes, pellets or similar forms.
44.02	Wood charcoal (including shell or nut charcoal), whether or not agglomerated.
44.03	Wood in the rough, whether or not stripped of bark or sapwood, or roughly squared.
44.04	Hoopwood; split poles; piles, pickets and stakes of wood, pointed but not sawn lengthwise; wooden sticks, roughly trimmed but not turned, bent or otherwise worked, suitable for the manufacture of walking-sticks, umbrellas, tool handles or the like; chipwood and the like.
44.05	Wood wool; wood flour.
44.06	Railway or tramway sleepers (cross-ties) of wood.
44.07	Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded or end-jointed, of a thickness exceeding 6 mm.
44.08	Sheets for veneering (including those obtained by slicing laminated wood), for plywood or for similar laminated wood and other wood, sawn lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded, spliced or end-jointed, of a thickness not exceeding 6 mm.
44.09	Wood (including strips and friezes for parquet flooring, not assembled) continuously shaped (tongued, grooved, rebated, chamfered, V-jointed, beaded, moulded, rounded or the like) along any of its edges, ends or faces, whether or not planed, sanded or end-jointed.
44.10	Particle board, oriented strand board (OSB) and similar board (e.g., waferboard) of wood or other ligneous materials, whether or not agglomerated with resins or other organic binding substances.
44.11	Fibreboard of wood or other ligneous materials, whether or not bonded with resins or other organic substances - Medium Density Fiberboard (MDF)
44.12	Plywood, veneered panels and similar laminated wood, blockboard, laminboard and battenboard.
44.13	Densified wood, in blocks, plates, strips or profile shapes.
47.01	Mechanical wood pulp.
47.02	Chemical wood pulp, dissolving grades.
47.03	Chemical wood pulp, soda or sulphate, other than dissolving grades.
47.04	Chemical wood pulp, sulphite, other than dissolving grades.
47.05	Wood pulp obtained by a combination of mechanical and chemical pulping processes.