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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 AGREEMENT¹

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	Memorandum Circular No.004, Series of 2019 - Exemption in the Filing of Commodity Clearance for Exportation/Importation/Transshipment of Tobacco Free Products Whether for Personal Consumption or For Sale/Distribution
3	Date of Publication	26 September 2019
4	Date of entry into force	26 September 2019
5	Website link/Official publication of the new regulation/procedure	https://www.nta.da.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Memorandum-Circular-004-Series-of-19.pdf
6	Have you attached a copy of the regulation (PDF) to the Secretariat	[X] Yes. <i>(Please attach a copy of the regulation to the notification.)</i> [] No.
7	Type of notification	[X] (a) New licensing regulation/procedure ² ; (please answer question 8 to 14) [] (b) Changes to a regulation/procedure which has been previously notified in document: <i>(please answer question 15 and 16)</i>
8	List of products subject to licensing	Tobacco-free products: Snus; E-liquid; Pod; Other similar tobacco-free products.
9	Nature of licensing	Automatic: [] Non-Automatic: [X]
10	Administrative purpose/measure being implemented	(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Protect public morals; (b) <input checked="" 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>i.e. CITES, Basel Convention, Rotterdam Convention, UNSC Resolutions etc.</i>) (f) <input type="checkbox"/> Quota (including TRQ) administration;

¹ 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.

² "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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		(g) <input type="checkbox"/> Regulate imports of arms, ammunition or fissionable materials and safeguard national security; (h) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (please specify)
11	Administrative body(ies) for submission of applications	Ministry/authority and Department: National Tobacco Administration – Regulation Department Address: 1184 Ben-Lor Bldg. 4th Floor Quezon Ave., Quezon City, Philippines Website: www.nta.da.gov.ph Telephone: 02 – 8372-3178/8372-3186 E-Mail: rd_nta07@yahoo.com
12	Contact point for information on eligibility	Ministry/authority and Department: National Tobacco Administration – Regulation Department Address: 1184 Ben-Lor Bldg. 4th Floor Quezon Ave., Quezon City, Philippines Website: www.nta.da.gov.ph Telephone: 02 – 8372-3178/8372-3186 E-Mail: rd_nta07@yahoo.com
13	Expected duration of licensing procedure	Ongoing
14	A summary of the notification in one of the WTO official languages	Exemption in the Filing of Commodity Clearance for Exportation/Importation/Transshipment of Tobacco Free Products Whether for Personal Consumption or For Sale/Distribution
15	In the case of 7(b), please indicate the type of new change(s)	(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Termination (b) <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension (c) <input type="checkbox"/> Modification of specific details in existing procedures: <input type="checkbox"/> Product coverage; <input 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 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 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 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	Please elaborate the changes in detail (in one of the WTO official languages)	