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**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLES 1.4, 10.6.2, AND 12.2.2  
OF THE AGREEMENT ON TRADE FACILITATION**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PHILIPPINES

The following communication, dated 26 October 2018, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Philippines for Members' information.

The Philippines hereby makes the following notifications in accordance with Articles 1.4, 10.6.2 and 12.2.2 of the Agreement on Trade Facilitation (WT/L/931).

**Article 1, paragraph 4**

**(a) The official place(s) where the items in subparagraphs 1.1(a) and (j) have been published**

The notifications required for the items enumerated under Article 1.1 of the Trade Facilitation Agreement are being made via any or all of the following, which are all national in scope:

1. Official Gazette;
2. Newspapers of general circulation; and
3. Official Bureau of Customs website (customs.gov.ph)

1.1(a) Procedures for importation, exportation, and transit (including port, airport, and other entry-point procedures), and required forms and documents;

Main website: [www.customs.gov.ph](http://www.customs.gov.ph)

Bureau of Customs	<a href="http://customs.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Import-Transaction-Overview-Infographic_v1.0.pdf">http://customs.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Import-Transaction-Overview-Infographic_v1.0.pdf</a>	Description of import procedures
Bureau of Customs	<a href="http://customs.gov.ph/forms">http://customs.gov.ph/forms</a>	List of forms for customs procedures

1.1(b) Applied rates of duties and taxes of any kind imposed on or in connection with importation or exportation;

Philippine Commission	Tariff	<a href="http://tariffcommission.gov.ph/finder">http://tariffcommission.gov.ph/finder</a>	Customs Tariff with applied customs duty rates and preferential rates
Philippine Commission	Tariff	<a href="http://tariffcommission.gov.ph/tariff-book">http://tariffcommission.gov.ph/tariff-book</a>	ASEAN Harmonized Tariff Nomenclature 2017 edition (Tariff Classification)

1.1(c) Fees and charges imposed by or for governmental agencies on or in connection with importation, exportation or transit;

Philippine National Trade Repository	<a href="http://pntr.gov.ph/index.html">http://pntr.gov.ph/index.html</a>	Guide to Trade in the Philippines
Philippines' Notification under Article 7.3 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures (ILP)	<a href="https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S006.aspx?Query=@Symbol=%20g/lic/n/3/*%20and%20%20@Symbol=%20phi&amp;Language=ENGLISH&amp;Context=FormerScriptedSearch&amp;languageUIChanged=true#">https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S006.aspx?Query=@Symbol=%20g/lic/n/3/*%20and%20%20@Symbol=%20phi&amp;Language=ENGLISH&amp;Context=FormerScriptedSearch&amp;languageUIChanged=true#</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replies to Questionnaire on ILP</li> <li>• Regulated and Prohibited Commodities</li> <li>• Schedule of Registration Fees/Charges (In Philippine Peso)</li> <li>• List of License Fees/Administrative Charges (In Philippine Peso)</li> <li>• Fees and Charges Collected by Import Regulating Agencies (In Philippine Peso)</li> </ul>

1.1(d) Rules for the classification or valuation of products for customs purposes;

Philippine Tariff Commission	<a href="http://tariffcommission.gov.ph/tcc-rulings-issued">http://tariffcommission.gov.ph/tcc-rulings-issued</a>	Classification Rulings
Customs Modernization and Tariff Act of 2016	<a href="http://customs.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/CMTA-RA-10863.pdf">http://customs.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/CMTA-RA-10863.pdf</a>	The relevant section concerning valuation are in Title VII, Chapter 1, Sec. 700-708

1.1(e) Laws, regulations, and administrative rulings of general application relating to rules of origin;

Philippine Tariff Commission	<a href="http://tariffcommission.gov.ph/finder">http://tariffcommission.gov.ph/finder</a> <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B6XF3AhfubONZGIXWUgwNXNaSUE/view">https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B6XF3AhfubONZGIXWUgwNXNaSUE/view</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information concerning free trade and preferential treatment by importation</li> <li>• Rules of Origin: Primer</li> </ul>
Customs Modernization and Tariff Act of 2016	<a href="http://customs.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/CMTA-RA-10863.pdf">http://customs.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/CMTA-RA-10863.pdf</a>	The relevant section concerning penalty provisions are in Title XI, Chapter 1, Sec. 1102

1.1(f) Import, export or transit restrictions or prohibitions;

Bureau of Customs	<a href="http://customs.gov.ph/customs-101-regulated-import-products">http://customs.gov.ph/customs-101-regulated-import-products</a>	Information about regulated import products
Philippines' Notification under Article 7.3 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures (ILP)	<a href="https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S006.aspx?Query=@Symbol=%20g/lic/n/3/*%20and%20%20@Symbol=%20phi&amp;Language=ENGLISH&amp;Context=FormerScriptedSearch&amp;languageUIChanged=true#">https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S006.aspx?Query=@Symbol=%20g/lic/n/3/*%20and%20%20@Symbol=%20phi&amp;Language=ENGLISH&amp;Context=FormerScriptedSearch&amp;languageUIChanged=true#</a>	Regulated and Prohibited Commodities

## 1.1(g) Penalty provisions for breaches of import, export, or transit formalities;

Customs Modernization and Tariff Act of 2016	<a href="http://customs.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/CMTA-RA-10863.pdf">http://customs.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/CMTA-RA-10863.pdf</a>	The relevant sections concerning penalty provisions are in Title XIV Offenses and Penalties
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## 1.1(h) Procedures for appeal or review;

Customs Modernization and Tariff Act of 2016	<a href="http://customs.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/CMTA-RA-10863.pdf">http://customs.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/CMTA-RA-10863.pdf</a>	The relevant sections concerning appeals or review are in Title XI Administrative and Judicial Procedures
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## 1.1(i) Agreements or parts thereof with any country or countries relating to importation, exportation, or transit;

Philippine Tariff Commission	<a href="http://tariffcommission.gov.ph/finder">http://tariffcommission.gov.ph/finder</a>	Information concerning existing free trade and preferential treatment agreements with other countries
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## 1.1(j) Procedures relating to the administration of tariff quotas;

Department of Agriculture Administrative Order No. 9, Series of 1996 Rules and Regulations for the Implementation of the Agricultural Minimum Access Volumes (MAVs) – Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act 8178	<a href="https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Tkqnwyajecyq67JFITfOw3_VVNOsdOb">https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Tkqnwyajecyq67JFITfOw3_VVNOsdOb</a>	Rules and Regulations for the Implementation of the Agricultural Minimum Access Volumes (MAVs)
Department of Agriculture Administrative Order No. 8, Series of 1997 Administrative Order Providing for Further Amendments to the Rules and Regulations for the Implementation of the Agricultural Minimum Access Volumes (MAVs) Contained in Administrative Order No. 9, Series of 1996	<a href="https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Tkqnwyajecyq67JFITfOw3_VVNOsdOb">https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Tkqnwyajecyq67JFITfOw3_VVNOsdOb</a>	Rules and Regulations for the Implementation of the Agricultural Minimum Access Volumes (MAVs)

Department of Agriculture Administrative Order No. 1, Series of 1998  Administrative Order Providing for Further Amendments to the Rules and Regulations for the Implementation of the Agricultural Minimum Access Volumes (MAVs) Contained in Administrative Order No. 8, Series of 1997	<a href="https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Tkqnwyajecyq67JFITfOw3_VVNOsdOb">https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Tkqnwyajecyq67JFITfOw3_VVNOsdOb</a>	Rules and Regulations for the Implementation of the Agricultural Minimum Access Volumes (MAVs)
Department of Agriculture Administrative Order No. 52, Series of 2000  Administrative Order Providing for Further Amendments to the Rules and Regulations for the Implementation of the Agricultural Minimum Access Volumes (MAVs) Contained in Administrative Order No. 1, Series of 1998	<a href="https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Tkqnwyajecyq67JFITfOw3_VVNOsdOb">https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Tkqnwyajecyq67JFITfOw3_VVNOsdOb</a>	Rules and Regulations for the Implementation of the Agricultural Minimum Access Volumes (MAVs)

**(b) The Uniform Resource Locators of websites referred to in paragraph 2.1**

[www.customs.gov.ph](http://www.customs.gov.ph)

**(c) The contact information of the enquiry points referred in paragraph 3.1**

Bureau of Customs - Customer Assistance & Response Service (BOC-Cares)	Email: <a href="mailto:boc.cares@customs.gov.ph">boc.cares@customs.gov.ph</a> Twitter: @CustomsPH Facebook: Bureau of Customs PH
Philippine National Single Window	Email: <a href="mailto:helpdesk@mail.nsw.gov.ph">helpdesk@mail.nsw.gov.ph</a> Telephone: +632 705 6000
Accounts Management Office (AMO)	Email: <a href="mailto:boc-amo@customs.gov.ph">boc-amo@customs.gov.ph</a> Telephone: +632 527 8402 Mobile: +63 921 679 2174 (Smart) +63 945 211 2427 (Globe)
Electronic-to-Mobile Customs (e2m)	Email: <a href="mailto:airmanifest@customs.gov.ph">airmanifest@customs.gov.ph</a> <a href="mailto:boc.cares@customs.gov.ph">boc.cares@customs.gov.ph</a> <a href="mailto:mistg-techsupport@customs.gov.ph">mistg-techsupport@customs.gov.ph</a> <a href="mailto:help.desk@customs.gov.ph">help.desk@customs.gov.ph</a> Telephone: +632 705 6000
Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group	Email: <a href="mailto:odc.aocq@customs.gov.ph">odc.aocq@customs.gov.ph</a> Telephone: +632 527 4580

## **Article 10.6.2**

### **Use of Customs Brokers**

The Philippines does not require the mandatory use of customs brokers. As cited in Section 106 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA) of 2016, goods declaration may be lodged by the following:

- a. Importer - being the holder of the bill of lading;
- b. Exporter - being the owner of the goods to be shipped out;
- c. Customs Broker - acting under the authority of the importer; or
- d. Person duly empowered to act as agent or attorney-in-fact - this provision shall take into effect, which should be consistent with the international standards and customs best practices, after a two-year transition period from the effectivity of the CMTA.

## **Article 12.2.2**

### **Exchange of Information**

The ***Bureau of Customs-Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group (AOCG)*** has been designated as the lead central office to provide inquiries and information, as may be necessary. Refer to contact details above.

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