



Philippine Economic Zone Authority

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TO Economic Zone Administrators / Managers / Personnel

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SUBJECT Reiteration on the need to evaluate Import Permit (IP) applications for regulated chemicals

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The Bureau of Customs (BoC) monitors and inspects goods or chemicals that are considered as regulated by the Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB) / Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) and the PNP Firearms Explosives Office (PNP-FEO). We had several reported incidents wherein goods at the port containing these chemicals are put on hold because the BoC requires that these goods / chemicals should be accompanied by separate import permits from the DDB / PDEA or the PNP – FEO.

To reduce the incidence of goods being held-up at the port and to be able to monitor such occurrence, please be guided by the following:

- Request locators to conduct their own check for regulated chemicals. Review Memorandum Order 2013-005 *e* and provide a copy to all concerned locators within your jurisdiction.
- Be on the lookout for importation of goods that are commonly held-up at the port. Batteries, paints, adhesives, resins and industrial solvents may contain regulated chemicals. Current policies of DDB / PDEA (DDB Board Resolution 03 Series of 2003) and PNP – FEO (Implementing rules and regulations of Presidential Decree 1866) require permits even if the chemicals are present in trace amounts. For example, a resin containing 5% toluene will need to be accompanied by an import permit from PDEA, otherwise, the BoC will put the whole shipment on-hold.
- Report any incident of regulated goods / chemicals being held-up at the port through email to esg@peza.gov.ph. We will monitor these concerns for future policy interventions.

For your compliance.