




Philippine Economic Zone Authority

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2015-002

FOR : Economic Zone Locator Enterprises
Economic Zone Administrators and Managers

FROM : Director General LILIA B. DE LIMA 

SUBJECT : Exemption from DENR requirements for importation of items considered as articles

DATE : 5 January 2015

We have been receiving queries from PEZA-registered enterprises on the applicability of DENR permit requirements [i.e. Small Quantity Importation (SQI) / Pre-Manufacturing Pre-Importation Notification (PMPIN), Priority Chemicals List (PCL) compliance certificate or Chemical Control Order (CCO) registration] for the importation and use of materials considered as articles.

This is to inform that the DENR Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) has clarified that articles do not require the abovementioned DENR permits or clearances prior to importation or usage. The EMB, through a letter to PEZA, has clarified that an "article" is a material that is manufactured in a specific shape or design for a specific application and the design is maintained as an essential feature in the finished product. They further clarified that this would also include finished goods and consumer products which contain regulated chemicals, readily sold to the public and not used as raw material to produce another product where chemical emissions, discharges or releases is possible during production process.

Thus, if a PEZA registered enterprise will import:

- A) An **article** such as lead acid batteries, nickel cadmium batteries, commercial lubricants and grease for vehicles, commercial paints, bathroom deodorizers and cleaners, filters, boards, commercial adhesives, lamps, consumer electronics and the like, DENR permit requirements such as SQI / PMPIN, PCL registration or CCO registration is NOT applicable. However, importation may be covered by permit requirements of other regulatory agencies;
- B) **Raw chemicals** which are not registered in the Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS) or included in the PCL or covered by a CCO, the applicable permit requirements will need to be secured from the EMB and presented to the PEZA Zone Office prior to lodging an electronic importation request through the various VASPs (value-added service providers). For more details on how to secure permits from the EMB, please visit their website at <http://emb.gov.ph>

Please be reminded that an assessment of the applicability of regulatory requirements (i.e. permits from FDA, DENR, PDEA/DDB and PNP) can only be done if the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) of the article or raw chemicals contain the complete composition and Chemical Abstract Service (CAS) number of the components.

For an assessment of the requirements for importation of an article or chemical, please visit the PEZA Zone Office or email the MSDS at esg@peza.gov.ph

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