

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 21-02

Series of 2021

To : All Manufacturers and Importers of Ceramic Tiles Covered by DAO 20-09 Series of 2020 and Others Concerned

SUBJECT : Additional Transitory Provisions for the Implementation of DAO 20-09 Series of 2020

WHEREAS, the Department Administrative Order (DAO) 20-09, Series of 2020 took effect on 12 January 2021, the objective of which is to strictly ensure that ceramic tiles comply with the specified safety and/or quality requirement/s as prescribed therein;

WHEREAS, on 11 January 2021, the department received an appeal from the Philippine Ceramic Products Importers' Association, Inc. to provide ample time for all stakeholders to adjust and conform to the new requirements pending resolution of multiple issues raised by the industry as well as dispose the remaining inventory of ceramic tiles;

WHEREFORE, considering the request from the ceramic tile industry and the impact of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic to the industry and consumers, these additional provisions are hereby issued for the guidance of all concerned:

1. For shipments of ceramic tiles arriving on or before 12 April 2021, the importer shall apply for Import Commodity Clearance (ICC) subject to the following conditions:
 - 1.1. The ICC application shall be filed on a per product, per shipment, per Bill of Lading / Airway Bill basis;
 - 1.2. The documentary and process requirements excluding sampling and testing shall be consistent with the applicable provisions of Rule 6 of DAO 20-09, Series of 2020;
 - 1.3. Submission of surety bond shall not be required; and,
 - 1.4. The products shall comply with the marking requirements prescribed in Rule 10 of DAO 20-09, Series of 2020 or Annex A of DAO 15-01, Series of 2015.

Upon compliance with the aforementioned conditions, Certificate of Exemption (CE) shall be issued.

2. For shipments of ceramic tiles arriving after 12 April 2021, all provisions of DAO 20-09, Series of 2020 shall apply.



3. Repealing Clause

All other orders or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Circular are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

This Memorandum Circular shall be effective immediately after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation, a copy of which shall be submitted to the UP Office of National Administrative Register.

For the information and guidance of those concerned.

Done in the City of Makati this 14th day of January in the year 2021.



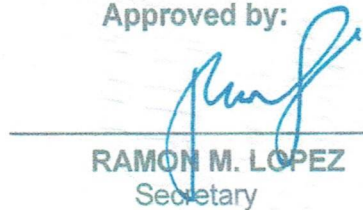
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