

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

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### **COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION REQUIREMENT PRIOR TO REGISTRATION**

In line with the issued Department of Trade and Industry Memorandum Circular No. 21-10 Guidelines on Commodity Classification, all industry stakeholders shall properly classify their item, software, or technology under the National Strategic Goods List (NSGL) before applying for registration with the Strategic Trade Management Office (STMO).

Commodity Classification determines whether an item, software, or technology satisfies the control conditions outlined in the NSGL. Moreover, a specific NSGL code is assigned to a particular item, software, or technology which is required to be submitted to the STMO during the application for registration. Memorandum Circular 21-10 provides the step-by-step process for commodity classification.

The STMO requires all stakeholders to take this necessary step to avoid the burden of complying with unnecessary regulations. Industry stakeholders that determined that their commodities are not listed in the NSGL do not need to register with the STMO.

All relevant issuances and guidelines pertaining to STMA compliance may be accessed on the STMO website at <https://www.dti.gov.ph/negosyo/strategic-trade-management/>.

Please be guided accordingly.

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