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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 002, SERIES OF 2019**

**TO : ALL EXPORTERS/IMPORTERS/TRANSSHIPPERS OF LEAF TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, OTHER TOBACCO RELATED MATERIALS, SPARE PARTS AND INGREDIENTS**

**SUBJECT : AMENDMENT OF SECTION 1 OF MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 003, 2018 ON EXEMPTION IN FILING OF EXPORT/IMPORT COMMODITY CLEARANCE FROM PEZA REGISTERED LOCATORS TO LEGITIMATE CIGARETTE/CIGAR MANUFACTURERS**

**DATE : 13 FEBRUARY 2019**

**WHEREAS**, the National Tobacco Administration (NTA), pursuant to its regulatory powers vested under Executive Order No. 245, has issued the Rules and Regulations Governing Exportation/Importation/Transshipment of Tobacco Leaf/Tobacco Product/Other Tobacco Related Materials, as amended;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the aforesaid Amended Rules and Regulations Governing the Exportation and Importation of Leaf Tobacco and Tobacco Products, all Exporters/Importers/Transshippers are required to secure Export/Import/Transshipment Commodity Clearances (ECC/ICC/TCC) on all their shipments of tobacco leaf, tobacco products and other tobacco related materials, ingredients and spare parts;

**WHEREAS**, in the implementation of the aforesaid Amended Rules and Regulations Governing Exportation/Importation/Transshipment of Tobacco Leaf/Tobacco Product/Other Tobacco Related Materials, there were procedures which need to be enhanced to improve the monitoring and documentation of all tobacco commodities emanating from PEZA Registered Locators to legitimate local cigarette/cigar manufacturers for which Memorandum Circular No. 003, Series of 2018 with the subject: Exemption in Filing of Export/Import Commodity Clearance from PEZA to Legitimate Manufacturers Effective 01 July 2019, needs to be amended;

**NOW THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises and by virtue of the powers conferred into the NTA, Section 1, Memorandum Circular No. 003, Series of 2018 is hereby amended to include the following, to wit:

**"For every shipment/transfer of tobacco leaf/tobacco product/other tobacco related materials/spare parts/ingredients loaded from PEZA Registered Locators to legitimate local cigarette/cigar manufacturers to concerned shipper/consigner/consignee shall apply for transshipment commodity clearance, in lieu of export/import commodity clearances."**

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect on 01 July 2019. The foregoing shall be filed with the Office of the National Administrative Registrar (ONAR), U.P. Law Center.

For the guidance and compliance of all concerned.

**APPROVED UNDER BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 1019-2019 DATED 12 FEBRUARY 2019.**

**BY AUTHORITY OF THE NTA GOVERNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

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NTA Governing Board

