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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 003, SERIES OF 2014

TO : ALL IMPORTERS/EXPORTERS/TRANSSHIPPERS OF TOBACCO LEAF AND TOBACCO PRODUCT

SUBJECT : PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS REGARDING INSPECTION RULES AND REGULATIONS IN IMPORTING/EXPORTING/TRANSSHIPMENT OF TOBACCO LEAF AND TOBACCO PRODUCT

DATE : 07 NOVEMBER 2014

WHEREAS, the NATIONAL TOBACCO ADMINISTRATION (NTA), is mandated to administer and regulate the tobacco industry;

WHEREAS, the NTA has issued Rules and Regulations Governing Exportation/Importation/Transshipment of Tobacco Leaf/Product/Other Tobacco Related Materials;

WHEREAS, the aforesaid Rules and Regulations does not include penalties for violation of pertinent provisions thereof;

WHEREAS, some commodities subject for commodity clearance either for export/import/transshipment are being loaded/unloaded, without the necessary commodity clearance;

WHEREAS, commodities subject for inspection, do not conform with conditions of issued Commodity Clearance, such as quantity/quality/brand, e.g. lacking in volume and/or non-availability of subject commodity, either for reasons that the commodity did not arrive or had been shipped out before inspection is conducted;

WHEREAS, the NTA can detect said violations only after the NTA receives the quarterly report from the Bureau of Customs (BOC) on the exportation/importation of leaf tobacco and tobacco products;

WHEREAS, NTA Designated Inspectors noted these violations on several inspections conducted and the violators only pay special inspection fee in the amount of PhP250.00, for rescheduled inspection, which is insufficient that commissions of the same violations are being repeatedly committed;

WHEREAS, in order to enforce strict compliance, it is imperative for the NTA to provide penalties for violations Rules and Regulation Governing Exportation/Importation/Transshipment of Tobacco and Other Tobacco Related Materials;

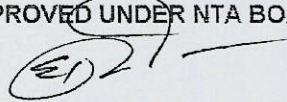
NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers vested in the National Tobacco Administration, the penalty to be imposed is as follows:

1 st offense	-	10,000 pesos
2 nd offense	-	50,000 pesos
3 rd offense	-	100,000 pesos + revocation of authority to Export/Import/Transship

EFFECTIVITY – This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

For the guidance and compliance of all concerned.

APPROVED UNDER NTA BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 449-2014 dated 07 November 2014.


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NTA Governing Board

