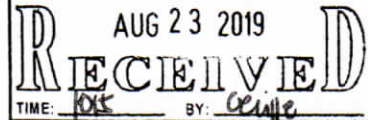




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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 003, SERIES OF 2019**

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

**SUBJECT :** EXEMPTION IN THE FILING OF COMMODITY CLEARANCE FOR EXPORTATION/ IMPORTATION/TRANSSHIPMENT OF CERTAIN MAXIMUM VOLUME OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS/E-CIGARETTE/ E-JUICE FOR PERSONAL CONSUMPTION

**DATE :** 14 AUGUST 2019

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

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the aforesaid Rules and Regulations, as amended, all Exporters/Importers/Transshippers are required to secure from the NTA the Export/Import/Transshipment Commodity Clearances (ECC/ICC/TCC) for all their shipments of tobacco leaf, tobacco products and other tobacco related materials, ingredients and spare parts, including e-cigarettes and e-juices;

**WHEREAS**, there are exportation/importation/transshipment of tobacco commodities, other tobacco related materials, ingredients and spare parts, e-cigarettes and e-juices of minimal volume, for personal consumption;

**NOW THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises, the following Memorandum Circular is hereby adopted, to wit:

**Section 1.** Tobacco commodities, other tobacco related materials, ingredients and spare parts, e-cigarettes and e-juices are exempted from the filing of commodity clearance for the following volume or net weight, for personal consumption, to wit:

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| a. Cigarettes                            | - | not exceeding 5 reams (50 packs), per Passenger/consignee            |
| b. Cigars                                | - | not exceeding 20 sticks, per passenger/consignee                     |
| c. Snus                                  | - | not exceeding 10 tins or maximum of 200 pcs, per passenger/consignee |
| d. E-Cigarettes                          | - | not exceeding 2 sets of Atomizer device, per passenger/consignee     |
| e. E-juices                              | - | not exceeding 200 ml, per passenger/consignee                        |
| f. Parts/Accessories of Atomizer Devices | - | not exceeding 100 grams, per Passenger/consignee                     |

Provided, that the subject tobacco commodities/related materials is/are part of the passenger's hand-carried or check-in baggage or sent via parcels/courier.

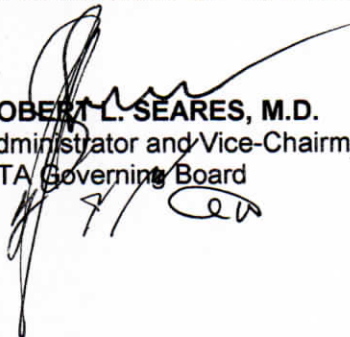
**Section 2.** In excess of the above quantities, the concerned exporter/importer/transshipper shall be required to secure the necessary ECC/ICC/TCC from the NTA.

**Section 3.** This Memorandum Circular shall take effect on 01 September 2019. The foregoing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation and 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. 1107-2019 DATED 14 AUGUST 2019.**

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

  
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