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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 004-A, SERIES OF 2018

TO : ALL EXPORTERS/IMPORTERS/TRANSSHIPPERS OF LEAF TOBACCO/TOBACCO PRODUCTS/ MANUFACTURERS/PROCESSORS AND TOBACCO BUYING STATIONS

SUBJECT : AMENDMENT OF MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2, 2017 OF SECTION 1 ON EXTENDED/AMENDED VALIDITY OF COMMODITY CLEARANCE

DATE : 28 NOVEMBER 2018

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1, Memorandum Circular No. 2, Series 2017 of the aforesaid Amended Rules and Regulations governing the Exportation and Importation of Leaf Tobacco and Tobacco Products, the NTA issues Export/Import/Transshipment Commodity Clearances (ECC/ICC/TCC) to Exporters/Importers/Transshippers, with validity period of sixty (60) days:

WHEREAS, in order to align the NTA's Commodity Clearance processing system with the BPI's SPS Permit processing system, there is a need to extend the validity of NTA Commodity Clearances from sixty (60) days to ninety (90) days;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises and by virtue of the powers conferred into the NTA, Section 15, Article V of the Amended Rules and Regulations Governing the Exportation and Importation of Leaf Tobacco and Tobacco Products, is hereby amended for the information and guidance of all concerned, to wit:

Section 1. Section 15, Article V of the Amended Rules and Regulations governing the Exportation and Importation of Leaf Tobacco and Tobacco Products, is hereby amended, to be read as follows:

"The Export, Import and Transshipment Commodity Clearance shall apply to a particular export, import, transshipment Commodity Clearance and **valid only within Ninety days (90) working days** from the issuance thereof.

Section 2. This Memorandum Circular shall take effect on 01 July 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. 969-2018 DATED 28 NOVEMBER 2018.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE NTA GOVERNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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NTA Governing Board

