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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 004, SERIES OF 2019

TO : ALL EXPORTERS/IMPORTERS/TRANSSHIPPERS OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS

SUBJECT : EXEMPTION IN THE FILING OF COMMODITY CLEARANCE FOR EXPORTATION/IMPORTATION/TRANSSHIPMENT OF TOBACCO FREE PRODUCTS WHETHER FOR PERSONAL CONSUMPTION OR FOR SALE/DISTRIBUTION

DATE : 25 SEPTEMBER 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 products;

WHEREAS, there are exportation/importation/transshipment of tobacco-free commodities for personal consumption or sale/distribution which is beyond the regulatory authority of the NTA;

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

Section 1. Tobacco-free commodities are hereby exempted from the application of NTA commodity clearance, whether for export/import/transshipment.

Section 2. The following are examples of Tobacco-free products, to wit:

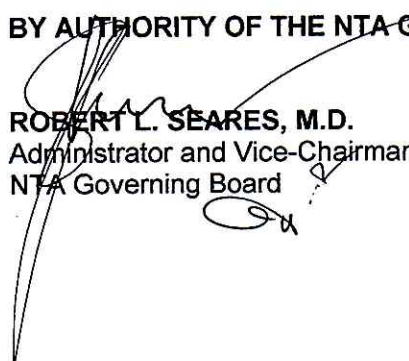
- a. Snus
- b. E-liquid
- c. Pod
- d. Other similar tobacco-free products

Section 3. This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately. The foregoing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation and shall be filed with the Office of the National Administrative Register (ONAR), U.P. Law Center.

For the guidance and compliance of all concerned.

APPROVED UNDER BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 1141-2019 DATED 25 SEPTEMBER 2019.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE NTA GOVERNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS.


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Administrator and Vice-Chairman
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