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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**

No. 15  
Series of 2023

**SUBJECT : TRANSITORY GUIDELINES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA) ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR (AC) NO. 02, SERIES OF 2023 FOR FULLY FINISHED LEATHER/FULLY TANNED HIDES AND SKINS/FULLY DRESSED FURS AND FUR PRODUCTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Agriculture (DA) AC No. 02, series of 2023 (Subject: Rules and Regulations Governing the Importation of Leather and Hides (Finished Products, Tanned and Untanned, Processed and Unprocessed) and Other Non-Food, Non-Feed, Processed Products of Animal Origin), upon its publication in National Circulation took effectivity last 08 March 2023;

**WHEREAS**, the Circular provided that the importation of fully tanned finished leather products/goods and fully tanned hides and skins are NOT ANYMORE REQUIRED A SANITARY PHYTOSANITARY IMPORT CLEARANCE (SPSIC);

**WHEREAS**, all of the commodities stated in the DA AC no. 02, s.2023, required or not required an SPSIC, are required to undergo the usual procedures of veterinary quarantine inspection;

**WHEREAS**, there were concerns from the stakeholders that there had been applications lodged in the DA Trade System, and if the said guideline is properly understood by the Customs officers and that shipments will not be hampered;

**NOW THEREFORE**, to ensure that shipments of fully tanned finished leather products/goods and fully tanned hides and skins are unhampered, and to provide ample time for the concerned stakeholders to transition to the new guidelines, a **TWO MONTH TRANSITORY PERIOD (08 March 2023 to 08 May 2023) IS HEREBY IMPLEMENTED.**

This Circular shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the Office of the National Administrative Register (ONAR).

For information and compliance.

Done this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2023.

  
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