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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Directors
Biodiversity Management Bureau
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Forest Management Bureau
Mines and Geosciences Bureau

FROM : The OIC Director, Policy and Planning Service

SUBJECT : **WTO REGIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS (RTA)
DATABASE**

DATE : **02 OCT 2020**

This pertains to the electronic mail dated 30 September 2020 from Ms. Norma S. Arpafo, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), requesting comments, if any, on the World Trade Organization (WTO) Regional Trade Agreements (RTA) Database which includes relevant information on RTAs in force in each of the participating countries as well as the preferential tariff and trade data provided by the DTI to the WTO Secretariat.

WTO RTA Database can be accessed through this link:
<http://rtais.wto.org/UI/PublicShowRTAIDCard.aspx?rtaid=954>

In this regard, we would like to refer the said request to your respective Offices for comments. We would appreciate receiving it **on or before 07 October 2020** through electronic mail at psddivision@gmail.com.

For information and appropriate action.


MELINDA C. CAPISTRANO

MEMO NO. 2020-479



[FOR ACTION] Request for verification on the tariff and trade-related data on the PH-EFTA Free Trade Agreement

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Message sent on behalf of the TCWM Technical Secretariat

Dear Sir/Madame:

As communicated by the Philippine Mission in Geneva (PMWTO), we are pleased to inform you that the tariff and trade-related data on the PH-EFTA Free Trade Agreement is now available in the WTO Regional Trade Agreements (RTA) Database.

Kindly refer to this link for your reference: <http://rtais.wto.org/UI/PublicShowRTAIDCard.aspx?rtaid=954>

The database includes the text agreement, our RTA notifications, the factual presentation, and the preferential tariff and trade data we provided to the WTO Secretariat.

We would appreciate receiving corrections/comments on the said data, as may be necessary, on or before **16 October 2020** for onward submission to the PMWTO.

Thank you.

Best regards,

Yen S. Arpafo

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