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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM : The OIC-Director, Policy and Planning Service

SUBJECT : **UPDATING OF NEGATIVE LIST FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

DATE : 14 JAN 2021

This is in connection with the signing of the Regional Comprehensive and Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement last 15 November 2020. As per Article 8.12 (Transition), Chapter 8 of the said agreement, RCEP participating countries (i.e. Philippines) shall submit a Schedule of Non-Conforming Measures (i.e. Negative List) within a 6-year time frame upon entry-into-force. In relation to this, the DTI-BITR has drafted a Work Plan on the Transition to the Negative List in which the Philippines will undertake domestic preparations for non-conforming measures from 2021 to 2023.

It may be noted that the Department submitted an initial Negative List to DTI-BITR last 18 October 2018. In this regard, we would like to request your good office to provide additional inputs or updates on the Negative List for Environmental Services in preparation for the upcoming RCEP workshops for CY 2021.

We would appreciate receiving your additional inputs or updates on or before **21 January 2021** through electronic mail at psddivision@gmail.com.

All pertinent documents for this request may be accessed through this link: <http://bit.ly/NLforEnvtlSrvcs>.

For your preferential and appropriate action, please.


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