



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 : **REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON CHINA AND LAO PDR'S
TRANSPosed SCHEDULE OF TARIFF COMMITMENTS
(SOC) IN HS 2017 UNDER THE REGIONAL
COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP (RCEP)**

DATE : **30 APR 2021**

This pertains to the letter dated 21 April 2021 from Dir. Angelo Salvador M. Benedictos of the Department of Trade and Industry - Bureau of International Trade Relations (DTI-BITR), requesting for comments on China and Lao PDR's SOC in HS 2017 under the RCEP.

It can be noted that during the 2nd RCEP Interim Joint Committee Virtual Meeting held on 15 March 2021, it was discussed that Signatory States will endeavor to circulate the transposed Tariff Reduction Schedule (TRS) accompanied by a two-way correlation table (CORTAB) by the end of April 2021. Nevertheless, for Signatory States who are ready with their TRS and CORTAB are encouraged to circulate them as soon as possible for the Signatory States to commence technical verification of the said schedules. It was also agreed that the technical verification should be completed by the end of September 2021.

During the Plenary Meeting of the Inter-Agency Committee on Trade in Goods (IAC-TIG) for the Line-by-line Review of the Philippine SOC in AHTN 2017 held on 15 March 2021, it was discussed that the transposed SOC's of the Signatory States will be circulated to the IAC-TIG for individual review of agencies.

In view of the foregoing, we would like to refer DTI-BITR's request to your respective Offices for comments on the attached China and Lao PDR's SOC. It is suggested to focus your review on the correctness of the transposition, particularly ensuring that the tariff commitments have been maintained. The DTI-BITR has also provided a copy of China and Lao PDR's TRS in HS 2014 and AHTN 2012 to assist in your review.

We would appreciate receiving an advance copy of your comments **on or before 10 May 2021**, through this email address: psddivision@gmail.com, copy furnished policy@denr.gov.ph, to facilitate consolidation and immediate submission to DTI-BITR.

For your appropriate action, please.


MELINDA C. CAPISTRANO

Re: [VERIFICATION] Verification of China and Lao PDR's Transposed Schedule of Tariff Commitments (SOC) in HS 2021 and AHTN 2017, respectively, under the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)

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PSD-PPS <psddivision@gmail.com>
To: recordsco <recordsco@emb.gov.ph>

Mon, Apr 26, 2021 at 3:13 PM

Noted on this.

Thank you.**Policy Studies Division**
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On Mon, Apr 26, 2021 at 12:45 PM recordsco <recordsco@emb.gov.ph> wrote:

Dear Sir/Ma'am,

Good day!

Your email has been duly received. It will be referred to the concerned division for appropriate action with IIS No. CO-2021-015871

Please see attached document for your reference.

Thank you

**NELLY P. BARIZO**

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Hi,

This is to provide you with an advance copy of our memorandum requesting for comments on China and LAO PDRs SOC in HS 2017 under the RCEP.

We would appreciate receiving an advance copy of your inputs on or before 10 May 2021, through this email, copy furnished this email address: policy@denr.gov.ph.

Thank you.

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Sent on behalf of Director Angelo Salvador M. Benedictos, BTR

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

This has reference to our letter dated 23 March 2021 on the transposition and technical verification of the SOCs of RCEP Signatory States to HS 2017 which is targeted to be completed by September 2021.

The Bureau received China's and Lao PDR's transposed SOCs in HS 2021 and AHTN 2017, respectively, accompanied by correlation tables (Annexes A and B). In this regard, we are respectfully requesting agencies to review the transposition of China's and Lao PDR's SOC. We suggest the review to focus on the correctness of the transposition, particularly ensuring that the tariff commitments have been maintained. To assist in the review, the Bureau is also sending a copy of China's and Lao PDR's TRSs in HS 2014 and AHTN 2012, respectively.

For reference, in addition to these two new SOCs, the Bureau has previously circulated the SOCs of Brunei Darussalam and New Zealand for the review of agencies. The status of the verification process is reflected in Annex C.

We would greatly appreciate receiving your comments to the SOCs of China and Lao PDR **by 14 May 2021**. For further queries and/or clarifications, you may coordinate directly with Ms. Hanah Domingo at HananielaDomingo@dti.gov.ph.

Thank you for your usual support and cooperation.

Note: The files (both AHTN 2012 and AHTN 2017 SOCs) can also be accessed through this link - https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1dBvdg4KTyotWU-ri_erogX1xHM_jk6Xi?usp=sharing

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