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#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO

ALL REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

**FROM** 

THE UNDERSECRETARY

Field Operations and Environment

SUBJECT:

COMPLIANCE TO THE MANDATORY ONBOARDING TO

THE TRADENET PLATFORM UNDER ARTA MEMORANDUM

CIRCULAR 2021-01 AND 2<sup>ND</sup> GENERAL ORIENTATION

DATE

JUN 2 9 2021

This pertains to the email dated May 12, 2021 from the Faye Louise H. Cordovez, Trade Facilitation Officer, Central Management Information Office (CMIO), Department of Finance, regarding the above-mentioned subject.

Relative to this, you are hereby instructed to assign a focal person and take appropriate action in accordance with pertinent rules, laws and regulations on the matter. Submit report of compliance citing document tracers numbers OUFOU-2021-000375 for records and monitoring purposes.

For compliance.

ATTY. JUAN MIGUEL T. CUNA, CESC

Cc:

All Assistant Secretary for Field Operation

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MEMO NO. 2021 - 489

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# Office of the Undersecretary for Field Operations and Environment <officeofuseccuna@denr.gov.ph>

## Re: TradeNet Onboarding

4 messages

Faye Cordovez <fcordovez@finance.gov.ph>

Wed, May 12, 2021 at 9:30 AM

To: forestryrecords@gmail.com

Cc: ernestovperez@arta.gov.ph, francissantos@arta.gov.ph, lizamylbuquid@arta.gov.ph, officeofuseccuna@denr.gov.ph, tradenet-onboarding@dof.gov.ph

Good Day!

I am emailing to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated May 11, 2021, in response to ARTA's letter for the 2nd General Orientation on the Mandatory Onboarding to TradeNet.

We are pleased that you have referred us to the Office of the Undersecretary for Field Operations and Environment of the DENR Central Office,

Moving forward, we will be reaching out to them to further discuss their TradeNet onboarding process; and should the need arise, we will contact your agency.

Thank you,

On Thu, May 6, 2021 at 3:37 PM Faye Cordovez <fcordovez@finance.gov.ph> wrote: Good Day,

I just would like to ask for an update from your agency regarding your office's coordination with the Office of the Undersecretary for Field Operations and Environment of the DENR Central Office regarding the recommendation of onboarding the DENR Regional Offices instead of FMB Central.

Thank you,

On Mon, Apr 12, 2021 at 8:00 AM Faye Cordovez <fcordovez@finance.gov.ph> wrote: Good Day!

I hope all is well with you.

We have received your reply through the TradeNet secretariat regarding your Office's coordination with the Office of the Undersecretary for Field Operations and Environment of the DENR Central Office regarding the recommendation of onboarding the DENR Regional Offices instead of FMB.

With this, We would like to ask for an update from your part regarding the said coordination, so that we can speed up the onboarding process.

#### Regards,



#### **FAYE LOUISE H. CORDOVEZ**

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## Faye Cordovez <fcordovez@finance.gov.ph>

Wed, May 12, 2021 at 10:32 AM

To: forestryrecords@gmail.com, canvispo@denr.gov.ph

Cc: ernestovperez@arta.gov.ph, francissantos@arta.gov.ph, lizamylbuquid@arta.gov.ph, officeofuseccuna@denr.gov.ph, tradenet-onboarding@dof.gov.ph, TradeNet Secretariat <tradenetsecretariat@dof.gov.ph>

Good Day, Mr. Vispo!

I am Faye Cordovez, the Trade Facilitation Officer assigned to your agency.

As evidenced by this thread, I have already included the Office of the Undersecretary for Field Operations and Environment of the DENR Central Office.

For now, we will be coordinating with the DENR Central office; and if the need arises, we will contact your agency.

Thank you,
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Faye Cordovez <fcordovez@finance.gov.ph>

Wed, May 12, 2021 at 11:21 AM

To: officeofuseccuna@denr.gov.ph

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#### **Greetings!**

As part of the government's initiative to improve trade facilitation by streamlining formalities, procedures, trade-related exchange of information, and documents from key Trade-Related Government Agencies (TRGAs), the TradeNet Platform was developed to serve as the Philippine National Single Window.

To fully implement TradeNet, the Department of Finance, through the TradeNet Project Management Office (TPMO), has been exerting joint efforts with concerned agencies for the onboarding of more than eighty (80) TRGAs in the platform.

Previously, I was assigned to the Forest Management Bureau (FMB). However, during our meeting on March 24, 2021, it was discovered that the FMB is not a regulatory agency but a policy formation agency under the DENR working towards the achievement of sustainable forest management.

Therefore, the DOF-TPMO recommended that FMB would have to coordinate the Office of the Undersecretary for Field Operations and Environment of the DENR Central Office. Through the letter dated May 11, 2021, sent by FMB, we were referred to your good office, and furnished with the necessary information.

In line with this, we would like to ask for the earliest time in which your Agency may be available for a meeting to discuss your onboarding process and entertain questions that your agency may have if any.

Your prompt action on this matter will be highly appreciated.

I'll be attaching the aforementioned letters for your reference.

Thank you.

ERNESTO V. PEREZ-ARTA May 11, 2021.pdf

ERNESTO V. PEREZ-ARTA March 31, 2021.pdf

[Quoted text hidden]

Faye Cordovez <fcordovez@finance.gov.ph>

Mon, May 17, 2021 at 2:52 PM

To: officeofuseccuna@denr.gov.ph

Cc: tradenet-onboarding@dof.gov.ph, francissantos@arta.gov.ph, canvispo@denr.gov.ph

Good Day!

I just would like to ask for an update regarding the previous email that I have sent.

Looking forward to hearing from your agency soon.

Thank you, [Quoted text hidden]



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**SUBJECT** 

COMPLIANCE TO THE MANDATORY ONBOARDING TO THE TRADENET PLATFORM UNDER ARTA MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR 2021-01 AND 2<sup>ND</sup> GENERAL ORIENTATION

Dear Deputy General Perez,

Warm greetings!

This has reference to your letter dated 30 April 2021 regarding the non-onboarding of the Forest Management Bureau (FMB) to the TradeNet online platform and non-submission of requirements despite the issuance of the ARTA MC 2021-01.

Stated on your letter is the upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> General Orientation on the Mandatory Onboarding to the TradeNet Platform on 14 May 2021, the extended deadline for the TradeNet Platform onboarding which is on 30 July 2021, and the instruction to designate an Agency Focal Person and Agency Counterpart/Coordinating team (ACT).

We refer to you a copy of our letter<sup>1</sup> dated 31 March 2021 formally recommending the onboarding of the DENR Regional Offices to the TradeNet platform instead of FMB. This is due to the fact that the import/export permits are being issued by our DENR Regional Offices and not by FMB, being a staff bureau.

The recommendation is based on the meetings held by this Office on 23 and 24 March 2021, the latter of which was attended by representatives from the TradeNet Project Management Office (PMO) where they concurred with the recommendation stated above.

However, as of this date, our Office have yet to receive an acknowledgement or response from the ARTA and/or the TradeNet PMO of the Department of Finance (DOF).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The letter was emailed to <a href="mailto:emestovperez@arta.gov.ph">emestovperez@arta.gov.ph</a> on 07 April 2021, copy furnished Mr. Francis Santos <a href="mailto:(francissantos@arta.gov.ph">(francissantos@arta.gov.ph</a>) and Ms. Lizamyl Buquid (<a href="mailto:lizamylbuquid@arta.gov.ph">lizamylbuquid@arta.gov.ph</a>) of the ARTA, and the TradeNet PMO (<a href="mailto:tradenetsecretariat@dof.gov.ph">tradenetsecretariat@dof.gov.ph</a>) of the Department of Finance.

Nevertheless, we respectfully refer you to the Office of the Undersecretary for Field Operations and Environment of the DENR Central Office which has jurisdiction over our DENR Regional Offices. The Office may be contacted through the following contact details:

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Trunkline no.:	8929-6626 local 2019
IP Phone Trunkline no.:	8249-3367, 8248-3367 local 1070, 1071, 1072

Rest assured that we at the FMB will continue extending its hand to the ARTA and assist it in ensuring that the public are given better and efficient government service delivery.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully,

MARCIAL C. AMARO, JR., CESO III
Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning and
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Copy furnished:

The Secretary

The Undersecretary
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SUBJECT: MANDATORY ONBOARDING OF TRADE REGULATORY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO THE TRADENET PLATFORM

Dear Deputy General Perez,

Warm environmentalist greetings!

This has reference to your letter dated 09 February 2021 on the above subject addressed to Secretary Cimatu of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) which this Office received on 29 March 2021.

Through ARTA MC 2021-01 on the "Gundelines on the Mandatory Onboarding of Trade Regulatory Government Agencies to the TradeNet as endorsed by the EODB-ART Advisory Council through their Resolution No. 12, series of 2020," the Forest Management Bureau (FMB) is one of the 73 agencies identified by the ARTA to be onboarded to the TradeNet as a TRGA. FMB was designated in three (3) of the clusters and are enumerated as follows: 1) Priority Agencies<sup>1</sup>, 2) Agriculture and Food Cluster, and 3) General Merchandise and Retail.

In relation to this, the FMB attended the consultative meeting on the matter on 19 March 2021. Further to this, the FMB also conducted meetings on 23 and 24 March 2021, the latter of which was attended by representatives from the TradeNet Project Management Office (PMO). During these meetings, it was clarified that the FMB does not issue import/export permits as the function was already delegated to our DENR Regional Offices. As such, this Office recommended to the TradeNet PMO that instead of FMB, our DENR Regional Offices should be onboarded to the TradeNet as TRGAs.

Agencies that make use of the old National Single Window (NSW) and those which are part of the NEHEMIA Program on Logistics

Please be informed that this Office is currently coordinating with the Office of the Undersecretary for Field Operations and Environment of the DENR Central Office relevant to our recommendation above.

Thank you very much!

Respectfully,

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## MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2021- 01

Series of 2021

## 19 February 2021

TO : ALL HEADS OF TRADE REGULATORY GOVERNMENT

**AGENCIES** 

SUBJECT: GUIDELINES ON THE MANDATORY ONBOARDING OF TRADE

REGULATORY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO THE TRADENET AS ENDORSED BY THE EODB-ART ADVISORY COUNCIL

THROUGH THEIR RESOLUTION NO. 12, SERIES OF 2020

## 1. BACKGROUND AND LEGAL BASES

- 1.1. Trading Across Borders is one of the indicators of the Doing Business Index of the World Bank which looks at an economy's regulatory environment in terms of the ease of importing and exporting. This indicator is being measured because trade plays an important role in the growth and development of economies. Inefficient processes and unharmonized procedures hinder a country in achieving its potential. Corollarily, the ease of trading in different countries positively affects a country's competitiveness. According to the latest Doing Business report, the Philippines ranked 113<sup>th</sup> in terms of ease of trading across borders among the 190 economies covered by the report.<sup>1</sup>
- 1.2. In order to achieve efficiency and harmonization of procedures across various government agencies concerning trade, the Department of Finance and the Department of Information and Communications Technology developed and implemented the TradeNet in 2017. The TradeNet is an interoperable online platform that aims to reduce processing time and harmonize the permitting procedures involving import and export clearances.<sup>2</sup> It can also serve as the link of the Philippines to the ASEAN Single Window which can advance interconnectivity within the region and facilitate ease of trading between and amongst countries. However, since its implementation, the platform only have 2 agencies that are live pilot users: 4 in the preparatory stage of going live, 13 agencies are undergoing process refinements, and 26 are admitted for configuration and linking.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> World Bank Group (2020) *Economy Profile: Philippines Doing Business 2020*. Retrieved from: https://www.doingbusiness.org/content/dam/doingBusiness/country/p/philippines/PHL.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Umali, Teresa (2019) *Philippine Government Agencies Work Together for TradeNet Portal*. Retrieved from: https://opengovasia.com/philippine-government-agencies-work-together-for-tradenet-portal/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Data from the Department of Finance and Department of Information and Communications Technology

**<sup>3</sup>** 478-5091/478-5093/478-5099

www.arta.gov.ph

- 1.3. Republic Act No. 11032, otherwise known as "The Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018", was enacted with the primordial aim of ensuring the efficient delivery of government services. In furtherance of this objective, it mandated all government agencies in the Executive Branch including Local Government Units (LGUs), Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations (GOCCs), and State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) to streamline and harmonize their process to reduce, if not eradicate, red tape in the bureaucracy.
- 1.4. In the same law, the Ease of Doing Business and Anti-Red Tape (EODB-ART) Advisory Council was created and is mandated, among other things, to design and identify systems that will continuously enhance the delivery of services and improve the ease of doing business in the country.<sup>4</sup> It is composed of the Secretary of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) as Chairperson, the Director General of the Anti-Ted Tape Authority (ARTA) as Vice-Chairperson, the Secretaries of the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the Department of Finance (DOF), and two (2) representatives from the private sector appointed by the President of the Philippines as members.
- 1.5. Cognizant of this mandate of the law, the EODB-ART Advisory Council believes that the TradeNet online platform has the potential to improve the efficiency of the permitting and licensing services of Trade Regulatory Government Agencies (TRGAs) by reducing the steps and processing times of these services through streamlining, integrating, and interconnecting into one platform, to wit:

"WHEREAS, one of the systems recognized by the Council that would help improve the streamlining initiatives of government is the TradeNet, an interoperable online platform developed by the Department of Finance and the Department of Information and Communications Technology, that aims to reduce the permitting procedures involving import and export clearances;"

"WHEREAS, in order to effectively implement trade facilitation in the country, promote whole-of-government approach, generate more investments, and improve ease of doing business, it is necessary to have a complete mandatory onboarding of the identified 73 trade regulatory government agencies involved in approving import and export permits and clearances, processing and monitoring entry of goods, and other trading requirements in economic zones;"

- **1.6.** The endorsement of the EODB-ART Advisory Council mandating the onboarding of the identified 73 TRGAs is pursuant to Sections 5 and 9(e) of RA 11032 to wit:
  - "Section 5. Reengineering of Systems and Procedures. All offices and agencies which provide government services are hereby mandated to regularly

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Section 19, RA 11032

undertake cost compliance analysis, time and motion studies, undergo evaluation and improvement of their transaction systems and procedures and reengineer the same if deemed necessary to reduce bureaucratic red tape and processing time. XXX;"

"Section 9. Accessing Government Services. – The following shall adopted by all government offices and agencies:

## XXX

- (e) Electronic Versions of Licenses, Clearances, Permits, Certifications or Authorizations. All government agencies covered under Section 3 of this Act shall, when applicable, develop electronic versions of licenses, clearances, permits, certifications or authorizations with the same level of authority as that of the signed hard copy, which may be printed by the applicants or requesting parties in the convenience of their offices. XXX"
- 1.7. In addition to these, the President issued Administrative Order 23 on 21 February 2020 which directs all agencies to eliminate overregulation in the government bureaucracy in order to promote efficient delivery of services, increase the competitiveness and ease of doing business in the country as part of the Administration's Ten-Point Socio-economic Agenda to wit:
  - "Section 1. Elimination of Overregulation. All national government agencies covered by Section 3 of RA No. 9485, as amended, are directed to hasten reform of their processes in order to eliminate overregulation. They shall retain only such steps, procedures and requirements as may be necessary to fulfill their legal mandates and policy objectives. All processes in excess thereof, including those which are redundant or burdensome to the public, shall be deemed manifestations of overregulation and shall be removed accordingly...."

## 2. PURPOSE

This **Memorandum Circular** (Memorandum) is issued to provide guidelines on the mandatory onboarding of all the identified Trade Regulatory Government Agencies (referred hereafter as "TRGAs") to the TradeNet platform in order to simplify and harmonize the permitting and licensing processes concerning imports and exports.

## 3. SCOPE

This **Memorandum** shall cover all the trade regulatory government agencies in the Executive Department that provide permitting and licensing services involving importations and exportations.

The identified TRGAs per cluster are the following but shall not be limited to:

	Priority Agencies
(Agencies that make use of the	old National Single Window and those which are
part of the NE	EHEMIA Program on Logistics)
	Bureau of Plant Industry
Department of Agriculture	Bureau of Animal Industry
	Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
	Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards
	National Meat Inspection Service
	Sugar Regulatory Administration
	Philippine Coconut Authority
	Fertilizer and Pesticides Authority
Office of the President	Optical Media Board
	Board of Investments
Department of Trade and	Bureau of Import Services
Industry	Bureau of Philippine Standards
	Export Marketing Bureau
	Bureau of Quarantine
Department of Health	Food and Drug Administration
Department of Interior and	PNP Firearms and Explosives Office
Local Government	
Department of Finance	Bureau of Internal Revenue
Department of Foreign	Office of Protocol
Affairs	
	Environment Management Bureau
Department of Environment	(HWMS/CMS/POD)
and Natural Resources	Forest Management Service/Bureau
Department of Information	National Telecommunications Commission
and Communications	
Technology	
Department of Science and	Philippine Nuclear Research Institute
Technology	
Logistics	and Port Operations Sector
Department of Finance	Bureau of Customs
Department of Trade and	Board of Investments
Industry	Fair Trade and Enforcement Bureau
	Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory
	Board
	Land Transportation Office
D. donard of	Philippine Ports Authority
Department of	Maritime Industry Authority
Transportation	Philippine Coast Guard
	Civil Aeronautics Board
	Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines
	Office for Transportation Security
Government-Owned or	Manila International Airport Authority
Controlled Corporation	Mactan-Cebu International Airport Authority
Controlled Corporation	

Agriculture and Food Cluster	
	National Tobacco Administration
	Bureau of Plant Industry
	Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards
Department of Agriculture	National Meat Inspection Service
	Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
	Philippine Fiber Industry Development Authority
	Bureau of Animal Industry
	Sugar Regulatory Administration
	Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority
	National Food Authority
	Philippine Coconut Authority
Department of Environment	Biodiversity Management Bureau
and Natural Resources	Forest Management Bureau
Department of Finance	Bureau of Internal Revenue
Department of Health	Food and Drugs Administration
Department of Trade and	Export Marketing Bureau
. Industry	
National Economic	Tariff Commission
Development Authority	

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Chemicals, Oils, Minerals, Environment Cluster	
Department of Agriculture	National Tobacco Administration
Department of Energy	Oil Industry Management Bureau
	Energy Resource Development Bureau
Department of Environment	Environment Management Bureau
and Natural Resources	Mines and Geosciences Bureau
Department of Finance	Bureau of Customs
	Bureau of Internal Revenue
D	Bureau of Quarantine
Department of Health	Food and Drugs Administration
Department of Interior and	PNP Civil Security Group - Firearms and
Local Government	Explosives Office
Department of Science and	Philippine Nuclear Research Institute
Technology	
Department of Trade and	Strategic Trade Management Office
Industry	
Office of the President	Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency
Office of the President	Dangerous Drugs Board

Department of Agriculture	National Tobacco Administration
Department of Education	National Book Development Board
Department of Environment and Natural Resources	Forest Management Bureau
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Department of Finance	Bureau of Customs
	Bureau of Internal Revenue
Department of Health	Food and Drugs Administration
Department of Information	National Telecommunications Commission
and Communications	
Technology	
Department of Interior and	PNP Civil Security Group - Firearms and
Local Government	Explosives Office
Department of Trade and	Fair Trade and Enforcement Bureau
Industry	Bureau of Philippine Standards
	Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines
Department of	Civil Aeronautics Board
Transportation	Maritime Industry Authority
•	Philippine Ports Authority
Government-Owned or	Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
Controlled Corporation	
(GOCC)	
	Optical Media Board
Office of the December of	National Museum
Office of the President	National Commission for Culture and the Arts
	Philippine Gaming Corporation

Tax and Duty Exempt Cluster	
Department of Agriculture	Fertilizer and Pesticides Authority
Department of Education	National Book Development Board
Department of Energy	Energy Resource Development Bureau
	Bureau of Customs
Department of Finance	Bureau of Internal Revenue
·	Revenue Office
Department of Foreign	Office of Protocol
Affairs	
Department of Health	Food and Drugs Administration
Department of Information	National Telecommunications Commission
and Communications	
Technology	_
Department of Tourism	Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone
Department of Tourism	Authority
Department of Trade and	Board of Investments
Industry	Fair Trade and Enforcement Bureau
Department of	Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines
Transportation	Maritime Industry Authority
Government-Owned or	Clark Development Corporation
Controlled Corporation	
(GOCC)	
National Economic	Trade, Services, and Industry Staff
Development Authority	
Office of the President	Philippine Gaming Corporation

Relief Consignment and Foreign Donations Cluster	
Department of Trade and Industry	Fair Trade and Enforcement Bureau
Department of Finance	Bureau of Customs
Department of Social Welfare and Development	Standards Bureau
Department of Foreign Affairs	Office of the Protocol

Monitoring and Oversight Cluster	
Department of Agriculture	Philippine Fiber Industry Development Authority
	National Dairy Authority
	National Food Authority
	Philippine Coconut Authority
Department of Environment	Environment Management Bureau
and Natural Resources	
	Bureau of Customs
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Department of Finance	Bureau of Treasury
	Insurance Commission
Department of Justice	National Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice	Bureau of Immigration
Department of Labor and	Philippine Overseas Employment Administration
Employment	Overseas Workers Welfare Administration
	Intellectual Property Office
Department of Trade and	Bureau of Import Services
Department of Trade and Industry	Export Development Council
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	Philippine International Trading Corporation
Department of	Civil Aeronautics Board
Department of	Land Transportation Office
Transportation	Philippine Ports Authority
National Economic	Tariff Commission
Development Authority	Philippine Statistics Authority
	Anti-Red Tape Authority
Office of the President	Dangerous Drugs Board
	National Intelligence Coordinating Agency

Ecozones and Freeport Zones Cluster	
	Bureau of Customs
Department of Finance	Bureau of Internal Revenue
	Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone
Department of Tourism	Authority
Department of Trade and Industry	Authority of Freeport Area of Bataan
	Aurora Pacific Economic Zone and Freeport
	Authority

	Philippine Economic Zone Authority
	Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority
	Cagayan Economic Zone Authority
Government-Owned or	Clark Development Corporation
Controlled Corporation	Zamboanga City Special Economic Zone
	Authority
	John Hay Management Corporation
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	Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
Department of Finance	Bureau of Customs
Department of Trade and Industry	Bureau of International Trade Relations

## 4. GENERAL GUIDELINES

- 4.1. Mandatory Onboarding of the Identified Trade Regulatory Government Agencies
  - **4.1.1.** Office-in-Charge / Person-in-Charge. Within one week from receipt of this Memorandum, the TRGA should inform the Anti-Red Tape Authority ("Authority"), either in writing or electronically, the office and the head and/ or focal person responsible for the coordination and the implementation of the compulsory onboarding of the agency to the TradeNet platform.
  - **4.1.2.** Compliance to AO 23 and Section 5 of RA 11032. TRGAs shall, in light of their mandatory onboarding to the TradeNet, ensure that all their processes and procedures are simple, convenient, fast, effective, and efficient for the transacting public in keeping with the provisions of Administrative Order 23 and Section 5 of RA 11032 on Reengineering of Systems and Procedures.
  - 4.1.3. Reportorial Requirements. Within two weeks from receipt of this Memorandum, the TRGA must submit an initial report on the actions taken by their office in compliance with this Memorandum. Every two weeks thereafter, the TRGA must regularly submit a report on the status of their onboarding to the TradeNet platform to the Department of Finance as Chair of the Steering Committee and copy furnished the

Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) as Vice-Chair for Onboarding Matters of the National Single Window Technical Working Group (NSW-TWG).

- 4.1.4. Assistance on Technical and System Requirements and Specifications. For matters concerning the technical or system specifications of the TradeNet, TRGAs are advised to coordinate the matter with the TradeNet Project Management Office under the Department of Finance. TRGAs shall ensure that their government services shall not be disrupted in lieu of their onboarding with the National Single Window.
- **4.1.5.** Issuance of Policies, Rules, and/ or Guidelines. TRGAs may issue pertinent policies, rules, and/or guidelines, as may be needed, to ensure full implementation of TradeNet. TRGAs shall also provide copies of the said policies, rules, and/or guidelines to the TradeNet Project Management Office within one week from the receipt of this Memorandum.
- **4.1.6.** Compliance to the TradeNet Integration Guidelines. TRGAs should comply with the guidelines to be issued by Department of Finance and Bureau of Customs related to the integration, operation, and maintenance of TradeNet.

## 4.2. Onboarding Activities and Timeline

Within 10 weeks from the issuance of this Memorandum Circular and receipt of a letter-request for onboarding signed by ARTA, Department of Trade and Industry, Department of Finance, and Bureau of Customs, TRGAs shall already be onboarded to the TradeNet platform.

The following timeline of onboarding activities must be observed by the TRGAs:

Activities/Task	Target Deadline:	
1. Designation of Agency Counterpart Team (ACT)		
Re-engagement of Agencies for the TradeNet Onboarding: EODB-ARTA Council Resolution 12, TradeNet Handbook, Template of Manuals	Week 1	
Agency to submit to TradeNet PMO the designated Agency Counterpart	Week 2	
2. Agency General Orientation		
TradeNet Orientation Assignment of Agencies Counterpart Team to TradeNet Onboarding	Week 3	
3. ACT Capacity Building		

Agency training on Basic Business Process Analysis	Week 4	
Agency training on simplifying processes and creating		
desired outcomes		
Agency training on AHTN/HS Codes	Week 5	
Classification/Identification		
Agency orientation on the preparation and creation of		
manuals and guidelines		
4. Development of TO-BE Processes and Agency Module in TradeNet		
Agency to develop Recommended Processes (To-Be)	Week 6	
and submit to TradeNet Onboarding Team		
Agency to prepare UMLS for the processes and submit		
to TradeNet Onboarding Team		
Agency to submit AHTN Code of Regulated	Week 6 – Week 7	
Commodities		
TradeNet Onboarding Team to configure Agency	Week 7	
Workflows in TradeNet		
TradeNet Onboarding Team and ACT to test	Week 8	
workflows in the Staging Environment		
5. Final Review and Approval of Agency Module, Trainings,		
Documentations, and Announcer	nent	
Finalization and Approval of Agency Module (To-Be	Week 8	
Processes, Workflows, Data fields)		
Agency and Pilot Market User Training	Week 8 – Week 9	
Agency to prepare and issue operational guidelines		
and procedure, manuals and establish Customer Help		
Desk within the agency		
Agency to submit formal notification to BOC on the use	Week 9	
of TradeNet		
Agency to release public announcement of their LIVE		
operation in the TradeNet platform	10/ 11/10	
Agency GO LIVE with Pilot Market Users	Week 10	

## 4.3. Deadline of Integration

- **4.3.1.** The deadline for the mandatory integration and onboarding of the TRGAs to the TradeNet platform should be **no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> week** from the issuance of this Memorandum and receipt of the individual letter-request as mentioned in Item 4.2 of this Memorandum.
- **4.3.2.** A TRGA's failure to comply with this **Memorandum** may be a ground for the filing of appropriate administrative sanctions.

## 5. FEEDBACK

5.1. All inquiries and concerns about this Memorandum Circular shall be coursed through the Authority through any of the following means:

Telephone Number: (02) 8478-5099E-mail address: info@arta.gov.ph

• Website: www.arta.gov.ph

• Facebook: Anti-Red Tape Authority

Twitter: @ARTAgovphInstagram: @ARTAgovph

5.2. All inquiries and concerns regarding the onboarding activities shall be coursed through the TradeNet Project Management Office through any of the following means:

Telephone Number: (02) 8525-4451

• Email address: tradenetsecretariat@dof.gov.ph

## 6. AMENDMENTS TO GUIDELINES

The guidelines outlined in this **Memorandum** are subject to change as may be deemed necessary by the Authority and shall be issued through a supplemental Memorandum.

## 7. EFFECTIVITY

This Memorandum shall take effect immediately.

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