



MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Undersecretary**
Policy, Planning and International Affairs

THRU : **The Assistant Secretary**
Policy, Planning and International Affairs

FROM : **The OIC Director**
Policy and Planning Service

SUBJECT : **UPDATES ON THE PROPOSED PHILIPPINES - UNITED
ARAB EMIRATES COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC
PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT (PH-UAE CEPA)**

DATE : **16 FEB 2024**

This has reference to the request of the Department of Trade and Industry - Bureau of Trade and International Relations following the signing of the Terms of Reference of the **Philippines - United Arab Emirates Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (PH-UAE CEPA)**. Below is the background of information, sequence of events in relation to the proposed agreement.

BACKGROUND

Overview of the PH-UAE CEPA

- The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Negotiation of a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) between the UAE and the Philippines was signed last 2 December 2023 at the sidelines of the COP28 in Dubai.
- The TOR is composed of the following: Objectives, Principles of the Negotiations, Tariff and Services sector Liberalization, Rules of Origin, Scope and coverage of the CEPA, Methodology, Exchange of data and draft Chapters and Administration of the Negotiations.
- The DTI is currently preparing the necessary documents to secure the mandate to negotiate, which will include, among others, the negotiating structure that composes the lead negotiators and their alternates for the different chapters and annexes of the PH-UAE CEPA. Upon completion of the negotiating structure, the authorization to negotiate will be secured from the Office of the President (OP) through the DFA. For guidance, please refer to the scope and coverage of the PH- UAE CEPA with corresponding lead agency below:

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- As part of the domestic process, the DTI facilitated a Virtual Stakeholder Consultation on 6 February 2024. It aims to provide stakeholders with an overview of the proposed CEPA, including discussion on opportunities and key issues. Furthermore, the consultation will be a chance to solicit the views and inputs of stakeholders on the proposed CEPA.

Key takeaways on the Stakeholder Consultation:

- o Products of interest for market access to UAE are as follows: fishery products, coffee, fruits, cultural foods (Balut) and halal products among others.
 - o Sectors of interest for market access to UAE: Landscape architecture, interior design, engineering, architecture and accounting services among others.
 - o Other areas of interest: Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRAs) in various professions, halal certification and Islamic Banking.
 - o Stakeholders' eagerness to be updated on developments of the negotiations through regular consultations
 - o Interest of stakeholder in the provision in labor and environment under the TSD Chapter.
 - o Importance of having a comprehensive impact study on the CEPA.
- During the Meeting of the Technical Committee on Tariff and Related Matters (TCTRM) on February 12, 2024, the updates of PH-UAE CEPA were included in the agenda. The DTI-BITR is in the process of finalizing the lead agencies

responsible for the different chapters. Specifically, they reiterated their request on the following:

1. Confirm DENR's participation as a co-lead negotiator with DOLE in the Trade and Sustainable Development (TSD) Chapter of the Agreement; and
2. Nominate a principal and alternate representative/s to be included in the Philippine's negotiating team.

DENR's Involvement

- In a letter dated 12 July 2023, attached as Annex C, the Department provided comments/recommendation on the PH-UAE CEPA draft terms of reference as follows:
 - Upon review, we support the inclusion of the Environment in the PH-UAE CEPA. We also concurred (in principle) with the proposal of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) to pattern the Environment Chapter of the PH-UAE CEPA with the context of the Trade and Sustainable Development chapter of the PH-EFTA FTA, which covers both the Environment and Labor;
 - We suggest that this matter be consulted with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and the Department of Migrant Workers (DMW); and
 - Additionally, should the Trade and Environment will be pushed through, it is recommended that the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), as the agency who led the PH-EFTA negotiations held last January 2023, and as a centralized coordinating body for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, to be tapped/consulted in this Chapter, to ensure a continued synergy with the Philippine position.
- In the memorandum dated 18 December 2023, this Office has circulated a copy of the signed Terms of Reference (TOR) of the proposed Philippine - UEA CEPA to the respective Bureaus (Annex D). Considering that there is no specific text yet, in the same communication, this Office has requested the respective Offices to nominate at least one (1) of their trade focal/s for the upcoming PH - UEA CEPA negotiations, to which, as of this date only FMB and ERDB have submitted their nominations.

RECOMMENDATION

In view of the above, this Office is also proposing for the Undersecretary to lead the DENR's negotiating team for the PH – UAE CEPA. Further, this Office proposed the DENR negotiating team to be composed of the following:

Principal Representative : The Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs

Alternate Representative/s: The Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning and Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects

The Director for Policy and Planning Service

The Official representatives shall be accompanied by the pool of technical experts, subject to nomination/recommendation from the DENR offices namely, BMB, CCS, EMB, ERDB, FMB, LAS, MGB, and PSD.

Relatedly, considering that the TSD Chapter covers both labor and **environment** this office viewed that instead of just being part of the negotiating team, co-leading the TSD chapter with the DOLE is a more suitable role for the Department.

ACTION REQUESTED

Should the Undersecretary concur with the above – mentioned recommendation, attached is the confirmation letter addressed to DTI Undersecretary Allan B. Gepty, for your approval and further instructions, Sir.


CHERYL LOISE T. LEAL

cc: **The Directors**
Forest Management Bureau
Environmental Management Bureau
Biodiversity Management Bureau
Mines and Geosciences Bureau
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**TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS OF A
COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES (PH) AND THE UNITED ARAB
EMIRATES (UAE)**

I. OBJECTIVE

To conclude negotiations on a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement ("CEPA") to establish a Free Trade Area between the PH and UAE (individually referred to hereinafter as a "Party" or collectively as the "Parties"), in accordance with Article XXIV of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 ("GATT 1994") and Article V of General Agreement on Trade in Services ("GATS"), and to further strengthen bilateral economic relations by improving market access for goods and services, promoting opportunities for investment, and deepening cooperation in areas of mutual interest.

II. PRINCIPLES OF THE NEGOTIATIONS

The CEPA will be consistent with the principles, rules, rights and obligations established by the World Trade Organization (WTO) and its relevant Agreements. The negotiation is a single undertaking. Consequently, nothing is agreed until everything is agreed. The Parties will negotiate this agreement on a mutually beneficial basis, taking into consideration the sensitivities and flexibilities that may be raised during the course of negotiations. The Parties also recognize their respective levels of development.

III. TARIFF AND SERVICES SECTOR LIBERALIZATION

- 1) All tariff lines and services sectors are subject to negotiations, without prejudice to the final results.
- 2) In general, and without prejudice to the results of the negotiations, the following modalities for tariff staging will be considered:
 - a) Immediate
 - b) Three (3) years
 - c) Five (5) years
 - d) Seven (7) years
 - e) Ten (10) years
 - f) Sensitive list
 - g) Exclusion list
 - h) Other modalities that may be discussed/included

The Parties will aim to achieve the highest possible level of liberalization, taking into account their respective products of interest and preferences in the modalities such as short tariff staging.

- 3) Unless otherwise agreed, the tariff reductions and the service liberalization will be made on the date the CEPA enters into force. Successive tariff reductions will be effective on the dates reflected in each Party's Schedule of Tariff Commitments.

- 4) The Parties agree to negotiate applying the request/offer model.
- 5) The base rate for tariff reduction or elimination will be the applied MFN rates as of 1/1/2023.
- 6) Negotiations will be based on the 2022 Edition of the World Customs Organization (WCO) Harmonized System Nomenclature (HS 2022) at 8-digit level.
- 7) As a general principle, the tariffs will be reduced in a linear manner with due consideration for certain flexibilities on tariff staging for certain products subject to further negotiations.
- 8) The negotiations of the trade in services chapter will be based on the GATS.

IV. RULES OF ORIGIN

The rules of origin should be business-friendly and adapted to the needs of global production and supply chains in order to promote trade. The CEPA will adopt flexible rules of origin and have simplified rules and procedures. The rules should minimize the costs and burden for competent authorities and businesses, particularly for MSMEs. They should require clear and simple evidence of origin and include administrative cooperation.

V. SCOPE AND COVERAGE OF THE CEPA

The CEPA will include the following chapters (in no order):

- a) Preamble
- b) Initial Provisions and General Definitions
- c) Trade in Goods
- d) Rules of Origin
- e) Customs Procedures and Trade Facilitation
- f) Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures
- g) Technical Barriers to Trade
- h) Trade Remedies
- i) Investments
- j) Trade in Services
- k) Digital Trade
- l) Government Procurement
- m) Intellectual Property Rights
- n) Competition
- o) MSMEs
- p) Trade and Sustainable Development
- q) Economic and Technical Cooperation
- r) Dispute Settlement
- s) Exceptions
- t) Institutional Arrangements
- u) Final Provisions

VI. METHODOLOGY

1) Basic Principles

- a) The texts and proposals exchanged during the negotiations will always be treated as confidential information.
- b) The UAE will provide its texts as further set out in Part VI of this Terms of Reference. The sharing of such texts will be without prejudice to the right of each Party to present new proposals during the negotiations.
- c) The Parties will exchange requests and offers on market access for goods and schedules of specific commitments in services simultaneously. The Parties will agree on the format that will be used for the said undertaking.

2) Levels of Negotiations

The Parties agree that the following negotiation modalities will apply:

- a) *Working Group Leads*
 - The Parties will designate their negotiators to the Working Groups agreed under Part VII.
 - The Working Group Leads or their designated alternates will be responsible for the chapters assigned to them.
 - Working Group Leads will consolidate and endorse the outcomes of the negotiations of their respective Chapters to the Chief Negotiators.
- b) *Coordinators*
 - Each Party will designate a coordinator in charge of all communications and technical aspects of the negotiation process (approval of agenda, meeting schedules summary of discussions, and joint conclusions).
 - The Parties will exchange the name and contact information of the coordinators ahead of the first round.
- c) *Chief Negotiators*
 - The Parties will designate their Chief Negotiators prior to the first round of negotiations.
 - The Chief Negotiators, on behalf of their Ministries, will bear the overall responsibility for the negotiations, supervise the negotiations of all Working Groups and provide them with the necessary guidance, as appropriate.

- The Chief Negotiators will approve the results of the negotiations.

d) *Ministers*

- Ministers will have the overall responsibility for the negotiations, a process which will conclude by their signing of the CEPA.
- For the UAE: Minister of State for Foreign Trade of the Ministry of Economy
- For the PH: Secretary of the Department of Trade and Industry

VII. EXCHANGE OF DATA AND DRAFT CHAPTERS

- 1) The PH and UAE may, to the extent possible, provide its text proposals to the other no later than four weeks prior to the set date of each round of negotiations.
- 2) The Parties will exchange the following data ahead of the first round.
 - The 2023 version in English of their Customs Tariff which will include the MFN rate in effect on 1/1/2023 at the national tariff line level.
 - All trade statistical data between the Parties, with their selected trading partners¹, and with the world (imports and exports by tariff line, including value in USD and volume, in HS 2022, in MS Excel format) for the years 2019 – 2022.
 - If necessary, the Parties may exchange 2022 statistics once available.
- 3) The Parties may propose to exchange additional information, if necessary, prior to each round of negotiations.
- 4) During the entire negotiation process, either Party may request additional necessary information from the other to clarify any of the chapters or their related topics under negotiation.
- 5) During the entire negotiation process, either Party may introduce new text proposals based on the discussion of the proposed chapters.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS

- 1) The negotiations will be conducted by the Ministry of Economy of the United Arab Emirates and the Department of Trade and Industry of the Philippines.
- 2) During negotiations, the Parties agree to establish the following Working Groups to negotiate the relevant chapters. Subject to the approval of the Chief Negotiators, certain Working Groups may be merged or restructured from time to time.

¹ Top 10 import sources and top 10 export destinations/markets

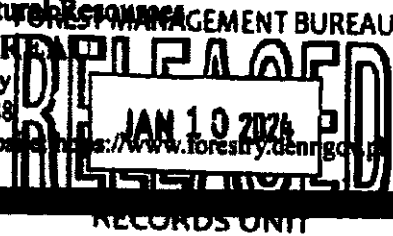
Working Groups	
1.	Working Group on Trade in Goods (including Technical Barriers to Trade and Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, and Trade Remedies)
2.	Working Group on Rules of Origin
3.	Working Group on Trade in Services
4.	Working Group on Digital Trade
5.	Working Group on Economic and Technical Cooperation and MSMEs
6.	Working Group on Customs Procedures and Trade Facilitation
7.	Working Group on Investment
8.	Working Group on Legal and Institutional Issues (including Preamble, Initial Provisions and General Definitions, Exceptions, Final Provisions, Institutional Arrangements and Dispute Settlement)
9.	Working Group on Government Procurement
10.	Working Group on Intellectual Property Rights
11.	Working Group on Trade & Sustainable Development
12.	Working Group on Competition

3) Timeline and Logistics

- The rounds will be hosted alternately by each Party in the PH and UAE. The hosting country will assume the expenses regarding the organization and the logistics of the round. Inter-sessional meetings of working groups are encouraged. The rounds of negotiations and inter-sessional meetings may be organized online.
- Video or phone-conferences may be organized by the Parties in between negotiation rounds.
- The First Negotiation Round, and dates for subsequent rounds, will be agreed upon by the Chief Negotiators.
- Exchanges of data and texts will take place both during negotiations and between rounds electronically. For the exchange of data, Parties will agree on a schedule for the simultaneous exchange.
- Each Working Group will prepare the Summary of Discussions, at the end of each round. The Summary of Discussions will include the next steps to be carried out before the following round. The Working Group Summary of Discussions will be approved by the Chief Negotiators. The CN Summary of Discussions will be initialed and approved by the Chief Negotiators.
- Management of texts and proposals during negotiations: The Parties agree that the host country would be responsible for producing consolidated or revised texts reflecting the results of the negotiations at the end of each round. MS Word and MS Excel formats will be used for all texts and proposals.



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AGREEMENT (CEPA) BETWEEN THE UAE AND THE
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DATE : JAN 09 2024

This has reference to your Memorandum dated December 18, 2023 informing us of the transmittal by the Department of Trade and Industry-Bureau of Trade Relations, of the signed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the negotiation of the subject CEPA and requesting for the nomination of at least one (1) of our Trade Focals for the PH-UAE CEPA-Trade and Sustainable Development (TSD) matters, as part of the DENR's negotiating team.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND CONSIDERATION, PLEASE.


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Dear Director Benedictos:

This has reference to the email from the Department of Trade and Industry dated 15 June 2023, circulating the updated draft Terms of Reference (TOR) of the proposed Philippines - United Arab Emirates for the Negotiations of the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (PH-UAE CEPA). Your office particularly requested the Department for our assessments on the inclusion of the Environment Chapter in the draft TOR.

In this regard, please be informed that we support the inclusion of Environment Chapter in the PH-UAE CEPA. We also concur (in principle) with the proposal of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) to pattern the Environment Chapter of the PH-UAE CEPA with the Trade and Sustainable Development Chapter of the Philippine-European Free Trade Association Free Trade Agreement (PH-EFTA FTA), which covers both the Environment and Labor with National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) as lead.

Accordingly, we would also like to suggest minor comments/ suggestions below:

- Noting that Chapter 11 of the PH-EFTA FTA is aligned with the key international agreements on sustainable development, we suggest to highlight the importance of addressing and/or combating climate change and transition to circular economy, and conservation of biodiversity.
- In terms of offensive and defensive interest, it is worth noting that based on the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) records, the Philippine did not export any forest-based products to UAE for the period of 2016-2021. On the other hand, the Philippine imported a total of \$699.56 thousand worth of forest-based products from UAE, which accounted for only 1.4% of the total import value of \$4.93 billion during the same period. It can be inferred that the import value will not have

a bearing on the competitiveness of the Philippine wood-based industry.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



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cc: The Head Executive Assistant
Office of the Secretary



**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCE
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For your preferential action, please.


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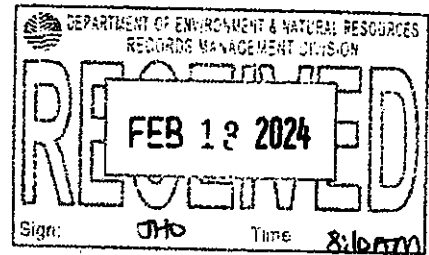

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SUBJECT : **INVITATION TO DESIGNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO PARTICIPATE AS RESOURCE PERSON ON THE TRADE AND SUSTAINABLE CHAPTER UNDER THE PH-UAE CEPA**

This pertains to the email of Policy Studies Division dated February 5, 2024, inviting a representative to participate as Resource Person on the Trade and Sustainable Chapter under the PH-UAE CEPA. Please be informed that Dr. Lynlei L. Pintor, OIC-Chief of the Urban Ecosystem Research Division will attend the virtual stakeholder session and will act as Resource Person. Likewise, she is hereby nominated as the Trade Focal of ERDB for the PH-UAE CEPA.

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