



MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Administrator**
National Mapping Resource and Information Authority

The Directors
Biodiversity Management Bureau
Climate Change Service
Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau
Environmental Management Bureau
Forest Management Bureau
Land Management Bureau
Mines and Geosciences Bureau
Legal Affairs Service

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

SUBJECT : **TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON TRADE IN SERVICES (TWG-TIS) UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES AND THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (PH-UAE CEPA)**

DATE : **JUL 02 2024**

This has reference to the recently conducted Technical Working Group on Trade in Services (TWG-TIS) meeting held on June 18, 2024, which aims to review whether Philippine interests of different sectors are included in the initial schedule of commitment (SOC) under the Trade in Services Chapter of the PH - UAE CEPA .

In this regard, may we respectfully request your comments on the following proposed subsectors that are within the purview of the DENR to be included in the SOC of the PH - UAE CEPA (**Attached as Annex A**):

Trade in Services Offer under the purview of the DENR	Concerned Office/ Remarks
Other Business Services 1. Incidental to mining (CPC 883) 2. Related scientific and technical consulting services - Surface surveying services (CPC 86753) - Map making services (CPC 86754)	Offer 100% foreign equity (FE) commitments of Mode 3 (Commercial Presence). The Philippines has no existing commitment yet on other FTA engagements. Concerned Office : MGB, NAMRIA and LMB
Environmental Services 1. Sewerage Service (CPC 9401) 2. Refuse disposal service (CPC 9402) 3. Sanitation and similar services (CPC 9403) 4. Other services	DENR to check if RCEP commitment can be offered to UAE. Offer full commitments (100% FE) in Market Access and National

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Services to reduce exhaust gases and other emissions for a factory (CPC 9404) - Site remediation and clean-up services (CPC 9441) - Sweeping and snow removal services (CPC 9451) 	<p>Treatment in the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mode 1 Cross-border supply) - Mode 2 Consumption abroad; and - Mode 3 (commercial presence) <p>Concerned Office: EMB.</p>
<p>Pipeline Transport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oil, gas and LNG 	<p>DENR and DOE to check the service offer</p>

We would appreciate receiving your **comments/inputs on or before July 3, 2024** through this email addresses: psddivision@gmail.com and policy@denr.gov.ph. Enclosed are the relevant documents for your reference.

For your information and consideration, please.



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**TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON TRADE IN SERVICES (TIS) CHAPTER
OF PH-UAE CEPA**

AFTER ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE AND TIME	June 18, 2024 9:00 AM
VENUE	via Zoom App
DENR ATTENDEES/ PARTICIPANTS	<p>DTI-BITR DMW DOF TESDA FDCP BOI DOTr MARINA DOH</p> <p>DENR PPS-PSD ERDB</p>
HIGHLIGHTS OF DISCUSSIONS	<p>The meeting was chaired by Mr. Jan Dela Vega of DTI-BITR. He emphasized that the meeting aims to focus on the Schedule of Commitments from the UAE side.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - He mentioned that during the 1st UAE CEPA, the negotiation from Trade in Services (TIS) is based on the text of the TIS Chapter. However during the intersessional meeting, UAE agreed to exchange the PH's request list and to provide the initial Schedule of Commitment (SOC), particularly on the movement of natural persons (MNP). - BITR noted that under the general remarks, UAE has reviewed Philippines' schedule based on GATS, commitment under EFTA and ASEAN. <p>HORIZONTAL COMMITMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DMW and DOLE to check the SOC, particularly the level of commitment. UAE commits 4 categories namely, intra-corporate transferees, business visitors, installers and servicers, and contractual service suppliers. DMW to consult DOLE on the inclusion of Contractual Service Suppliers and Installers and Services since the proposed trading partners based on RCEP agreement has only two types: business visitors and intra-corporate transferees.

DMW may wish to refer to the PH-EFTA Schedule of Specific Commitments.

- DMW noted the request of UAE under the limitation on market access on Entry and Temporary Stay of Natural Persons Supplying Services.

SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS

Business Services

- Under Professional Services, PRC to check if RCEP commitments and other additional sectors can be offered to the UAE.
- Under Other Business Services, DENR to check internally the counter draft offer of UAE on the following: *deadline: by June 28, 2024*
 - Incidental to mining (CPC 883) - DENR to check with MGB, if there is no sensitivity on this and consider to reflect it to the SOC or if PH can offer this sector to the UAE.
 - Related scientific and technical consulting services
 - Surface surveying services (CPC 86753); and
 - Map making services (CPC 86754) - to check with LMB, NAMRIA and GDO if this is under DENR's purview and if possible to reflect this in the SOC. In parallel, BITR to request clarification for the UAE on these services.
 - Per DTI, PH has no existing commitment on the above - mentioned CPCs.
- Under Other Business Services, DMW to check for relevant laws and if they can offer placement and supply services of personnel. DTI will clarify with the UAE the different CPC codes under these services.

Communication Services, Construction Services, Distribution Services and Educational Services

- BITR will consult with relevant agencies if RCEP commitments or other additional sectors can be offered to the UAE.

Environmental Services (*basis India and UAE CEPA*)

- UAE is requesting for PH's full commitment on the environmental services in MA and NT in Modes 1, 2, and 3. It was noted that we have made existing commitments

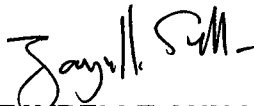
	<p>under the sewage services, refuse disposal services particularly on recycling centers and on sanitation and similar services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On the hailing services, it was emanated before on the existing commitment under AFAS to meet the threshold for this type of service. - BITR to explore with DENR, the other activities under the Sanitation and similar services that may be applicable to UAE for consideration for additional commitments on hailing services. - PH may also table the existing commitment under the RCEP to the UAE. Under the RCEP, there are additional services such as to reduce exhaust gases and other emissions, site remediation and clean ups services and sweeping and snow removal services. - As for the snow removal, PH may need to make adjustments with SOC in accordance with UAE's climate. - DENR reiterated the position under RCEP regarding the following services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To consult the Department of Health (DOH) on sanitation and similar services; and - To consult the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) on site remediation and clean-up services. <p>Financial Services, Health Related and Social Services, Tourism and Travel Related Services, Recreational, Cultural, and Sporting Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BITR will consult with relevant agencies if PH can offer similar commitments under RCEP or other additional sectors that can be offered to the UAE. <p>Transport Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Under the Pipeline Transport, BITR to consult if this services is under the purview of DENR and DOE. <p>Energy Related Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DOE to confirm if RCEP commitments and additional sub sectors indicated can be offered to UAE. <p>DTI-BITR to update the google drive for reference and send an email to remind everyone on the deadline of comments/inputs.</p>
<p>AGREEMENTS/ CONCLUSIONS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DENR to check internally with relevant Bureaus/Offices (CPC 883, CPC 86753, and CPC 86754) - DENR to check if RCEP commitments can be offered to UAE (CPC 9401, CPC 9402)

	- To check if the pipeline transport (oil, gas, LNG) is under the purview of DENR	
WAYS AHEAD	ACTIVITY	SCHEDULE
	Deadline of comment/s inputs from the relevant agencies	June 28, 2024
	2nd round of CEPA negotiations	July 8 - 10, 2024 in Dusit Thani, Makati City
ATTACHMENTS	<input type="checkbox"/> Activity Photos <input type="checkbox"/> Invitation <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of PH SOC for PH-UAE CEPA	

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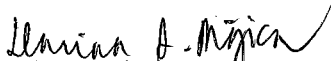


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