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## BOC implements intra-ASEAN self-certification scheme

THE Bureau of Customs (BOC) has laid out guidelines to execute the newly enforced self-certification scheme within the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

Customs Memorandum Order (CMO) No. 24-2020, which took effect on September 20, implements the ASEAN-wide Self-Certification Scheme (AWSC) under the First Protocol to amend the ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA) signed in 2018. The protocol provides for a simplified and streamlined procedure in claiming and availing of ATIGA preferential tariff rates for intra-ASEAN exports.

In place since 2010, ATIGA eliminates import duties for 98.7% of product lines of ASEAN member states.

AWSC is a trade facilitation initiative that authorizes qualified exporters to self-certify the origin status of their goods to make them eligible for ATIGA tariff preferences. The certified exporter status may be used instead of the certificate of origin (CO) Form D, which still requires exporters to apply for every shipment manually and do so only during office hours on regular work days.

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## Duterte extends state of calamity until Sept 2021

PRESIDENT Rodrigo Duterte has extended the declaration of state of calamity over the Philippines for one year, or until September 12 next year, as the country continues to battle the coronavirus.

Under Proclamation No. 1021 signed on September 16, the extension is in effect from September 13, 2020 until September 12, 2021, unless earlier revoked or extended as circumstances may warrant. The country was first placed under a state of calamity for six months last March due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The extension comes as COVID-19 positive cases and deaths continue to rise despite efforts and interventions to contain the virus. It is also the recommendation of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council.

The proclamation effectively gives the national government, as well as local government units (LGUs), "ample latitude to continue utilizing appropriate funds, including the Quick Response Fund, in their disaster preparedness and response efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19, monitor and control prices of basic necessities and prime commodities, and provide basic services to the affected populations."

It also enjoins all government agencies and LGUs to continue to assist and cooperate with each other and mobilize the necessary resources to undertake critical, urgent, and appropriate disaster response aid and measures in order to curtail and

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eliminate the threat of COVID-19.

All law enforcement agencies are also directed to continue undertaking all measures to ensure peace and order in

affected areas.

As of September 18, COVID-19 cases in the country have reached 279,526, of which 208,790 are considered recovered

while 4,830 have died. The country now has the highest number of cases in Southeast Asia, while also having the longest period of enforcement of quarantine.

## PAL: 80% of passenger refund requests fulfilled

PHILIPPINE Airlines (PAL) has so far refunded about 80% of the more than US\$300 million (P15.9 billion) in refund requests from passengers whose flights were cancelled due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

PAL, in an advisory on September 19, said it has been doing all it can "to cope with the massive deluge of refund requests that we received after the global pandemic forced us to cancel more than 60,000 PAL

flights since March 2020, affecting over 1.3 million passengers."

The airline said revenue losses prevented it from making prompt refund payments, even as lockdown restrictions posed serious staffing and logistical limitations.

PAL reported a total comprehensive loss of P22.02 billion for the first half of 2020, which is 632% higher than its total comprehensive loss of P3.01 billion in the same period last year. The bigger loss came

as its operations were severely affected by the worldwide travel restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The airline said it recognizes that it has taken some time to fulfill all refund obligations and "we greatly appreciate your understanding as we continue to resolve these challenges over the coming months."

It said it has progressively stepped up its processing capabilities to address the

system backlogs.

PAL said it has now restored nearly 15% of its regular domestic and global network and intends to ramp up more flights and more routes in line with an expected easing of travel and quarantine restrictions.

PAL expects a \$1 billion or P50 billion loss from February up to the time quarantine restrictions are lifted, company president and chief operating officer Gilbert Santa Maria said earlier.

## Keep ships moving, ports open, trade flowing: UN agencies to gov'ts

EIGHT United Nations (UN) organizations are calling on governments to facilitate trade and transport and restore supply chain connectivity amid the severe economic fallout from curtailing travel and closing borders.

The UN bodies made the call as they noted how the early response of countries to restrain the spread of the pandemic has led to severe disruptions in supply chains and trade flows worldwide.

"By this action all transport operations have been affected which has led to disruption of supply chains and trade flows. As a result, the delivery and availability of essential products such as food or medicines became a common challenge undermining countries' capacity to respond to COVID-19 and begin to sustainably recover," they said in a statement.

They said that prior to the crisis,

transportation was a key contributor to economic growth:

Maritime transport carried more than 108.9 trillion tonne-kilometers yearly of the world's food, energy and raw materials, manufactured goods, and components. It carried more than 80% of global trade by volume, and 60% to 70% of global trade by value. Two million seafarers operated the world's merchant ships.

Air transport carried about 4.5 billion passengers and 223 billion freight tonne-km in 2019, while airfreight represented 35% of the value of goods shipped in all transport modes combined. The total number of licensed aviation professionals was 887,000 in 2019.

The inland transport modes (road, rail and inland navigation) provided vital links for intra-regional trade. In the pan-European region they moved 6.15 trillion tonne-km by road, 6.09 trillion tonne-km by rail, and 654 billion tonne-km by inland waterways

The UN state-

ment highlighted preliminary data and forecasts indicating the severe impacts on economies worldwide as a result of curtailing travel and closing borders, for example:

Inland transport may fall by up to 40% in 2020 in the pan-European region

Freight transport volumes may reduce by up to a half by the end of 2020 in most parts of Asia

Value of regional exports and imports is expected to contract respectively by 23% and 25% in Latin America and the Caribbean

Total losses in the revenues of airline companies from the Arab region are estimated in 2020 at about US\$38 billion

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# Megawide consortium bags P28B Malolos-Clark railway phase 1 contract

MEGAWIDE Construction Corp and its two Korean partner companies have been awarded the contract for the P28-billion package 1 of the Malolos-Clark Railway Project (MCRP).

The notification of award was issued to the joint venture of Megawide and Korean companies Hyundai Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd. (Hyundai E&C) and Dong-ah Geological Engineering Company Ltd. (Dong-ah) on September 18, Megawide stated.

MCRP is part of the larger North-South Commuter Railway (NSCR) project of the Department of Transportation (DOTr). The JV will undertake building and provision of civil engineering works for about 17 kilometers of viaduct structure, including elevated station buildings in Calumpit, Bulacan and Apalit, Pampanga.

“Megawide, together with our world-renowned consortium partners in the field of engineering, Hyundai E&C and Dong-ah, is committed to deliver the highest standards of construction and engineering excellence for the MCRP. This will be another first-world infrastructure in the making,” Megawide chairman and chief executive officer Edgar Saavedra said.

Megawide noted that MCRP and other infrastructure projects are “critical

in jumpstarting the economy,” as they come at a time when the property market is softening and private sector developers are recalibrating expansion plans due to the COVID-19 crisis.

The MCRP project has an estimated cost of P28 billion—equivalent to more than half of Megawide’s current order book of P48 billion—and will boost the company’s construction segment revenue in the next three to four years during the development phase.

In addition, since precast materials and construction ancillary services will be major components of these kinds of development, Megawide said the project will also benefit its technologically advanced business units and support expansion plans in this area.

“We are honored to be working with the Philippine Government on the MCRP. Not only will this project, once totally completed, spur growth in Central Luzon, it will also increase connectivity and unlock exciting commercial opportunities between Metro Manila and Clark. This is also a strong testament to how public and private sector cooperation—foreign and local alike—can effectively propel the country towards a First-World Philippines,” Saavedra said.

# Duterte retains 1 meter distance in public transportation

PRESIDENT Rodrigo Duterte has decided to maintain the one-meter physical distancing requirement in public transportation, presidential spokesperson Harry Roque, Jr. announced on September 19.

In addition, the commuting public must adhere to health protocols, such as wearing of face mask and face shield and avoiding talking and eating inside the public mode of transport, Roque said in a statement.

The decision came a few days after Malacañang suspended the implementation of a reduced physical distancing in public transportation in response to opposition from medical groups, the Department of Health (DOH), and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG).

In news reports, both chiefs of DOH and DILG argued against the reduction of physical distancing in public transportation, citing the recommendation of the World Health Organization (WHO) to maintain at least a one-meter distance.

Agencies of the Department of Transportation (DOTr) on September 14 started to implement the policy of reduced physical distance in public transport for

air, maritime, and land to increase ridership capacity. This was after the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF), in Resolution No. 69-A, adopted the recommendation of DOTr and the Economic Development Cluster (EDC) to reduce passengers’ distance to a safe minimum with face shields and face masks in place.

DOTr in a separate statement on September 19 said they will comply with and strictly implement the one-meter physical distancing requirement in public transportation.

It earlier explained that strict health protocols like the mandatory use among commuters of face masks and face shields were now being enforced to contain the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). As such, the one-meter physical distancing measure could be safely adjusted to an initial 0.75 meter, then to 0.5 meter, and then later to 0.3 meter to increase ridership.

Former health secretary Dr. Manuel Dayrit, who led a panel of medical experts that recommended to IATF to reduce physical distance, earlier said that while the WHO makes certain norms and

# DHL Express prices to rise 4.9% from Jan 1

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Abdullah noted how demand for logistics services has increased due to rising volumes in the e-commerce market. In response, he said, “we have invested heavily in the renewal of our aircraft fleet as well as our global hub and gateway network. These and future advances will help us, our customers and partners, make a significant contribution

to improving our ecological footprint.”

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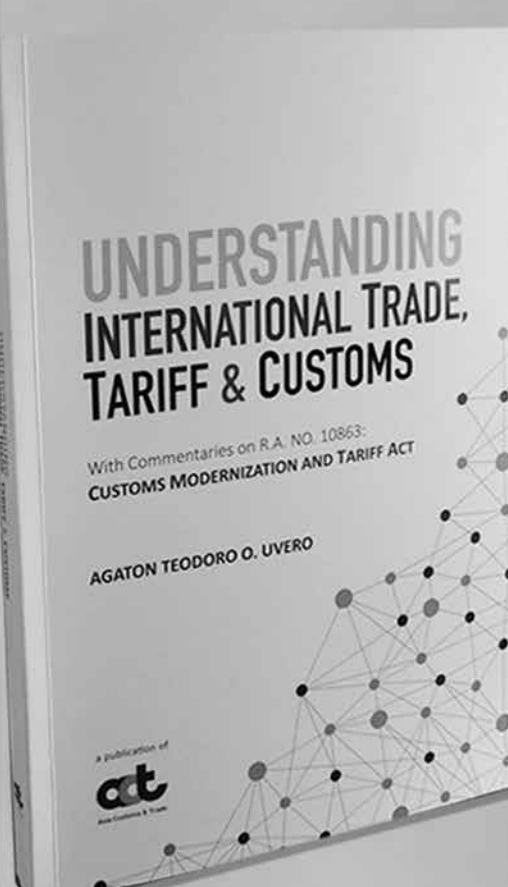
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standards, countries have to deal with the situation according to their own contexts. Dayrit said evidence showed that physical distance could be maintained below one meter as long as other health measures were implemented.

For his part, Transportation Secretary Arthur Tugade earlier cited the need to safely optimize the carrying capacity of the various public transport modes as Metro Manila and its adjacent areas continued to transition towards the “new normal,” when more workers were expected to return to their workplaces and more businesses would resume operations.


The EDC had also expressed support for a reduction in physical distance among commuters in public utility vehicles to a minimum, with strict health and safety measures properly observed.

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## PPA to introduce contact tracing app at ports

THE Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) will soon roll out nationwide a free mobile app for contact tracing of passengers at ports and ships. PPA on September 18 introduced TRAZE, a mobile app that uses QR code co-developed with Cosmotech Philippines, Inc. TRAZE should be downloaded and used by passengers instead of accomplishing a health declaration for tracing individuals that have used PPA-operated ports.

PPA will post QR codes in its facilities and on ships for scanning by passengers prior to entering the port facility or ship. A unique QR code will be generated for each passenger, containing the information provided by the person, which port facility or ship the QR code was scanned, and time stamps.

If a passenger is reported to be COVID-19 positive, a notification will be sent to all other passengers the person might have interacted with in the terminal or ship based on information gathered by the application.

PPA said its Malasakit Help Desks in port terminals will assist passengers who will download the app and receive a unique QR code.

The app may be downloaded from the Google Play Store for Android phone users and Apple Store for iOS users.

TRAZE is already used in PPA's head office. It is also being used by other agencies, such as the municipality of Taytay in Rizal.

The app can also be used to scan QR codes in participating shops, buildings, and transportation modes the users went into to record their movement. It allows person-to-person contact tracing by scanning the unique QR codes of other individuals using the application, and those of messengers and delivery personnel.

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## Smell gives away P1.1M kush marijuana in imported coffee

THREE plastic packs of high-grade marijuana, weighing an estimated 980 grams and worth P1.1 million and concealed in coffee packs imported from the US, were seized by the Bureau of Customs (BOC) in Clark, Pampanga.

The shipment from California arrived on September 8, 2020 and was declared as "coffee, t-shirt, bookbag."

When profiling and non-intrusive examination revealed suspicious x-ray images, a physical examination was conducted which confirmed that the shipment contained three t-shirts, one book, and three packs of coffee beans.

The customs examiner also noticed an unusual sweet aroma coming from the sealed packs of coffee. When opened, the three packs revealed dried leaves suspected to be kush or high-grade marijuana.

The shipment was then subjected to K-9 sniffing, and samples taken for laboratory testing and chemical analysis, which confirmed the presence of marijuana, a dangerous drug under Republic Act (RA) No. 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002.

A warrant of seizure and detention was issued by BOC-Clark district collector Atty. Ruby Alameda against the shipment for violation of relevant provisions of RA No. 10863 or the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act in relation to RA 9165. The illegal drug was immediately turned over to the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency for disposition.

This is BOC-Clark's 19th shipment of drugs, to date, seized as part of its mandate to protect borders from illegal drugs.



## Calapan port access road completed

THE Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) has completed a new access road leading to the port of Calapan in Oriental Mindoro.

PPA general manager Atty. Jay Daniel Santiago said that once opened, the access road will have a single entry point and a single exit point to prevent traffic build-up in the area around the port.

Construction of the Calapan Port access road began in the first quarter of 2019 and was completed in February this year.

Calapan port is the main gateway to Oriental Mindoro and handles fastcraft and roll-on/roll-off vessels.

The access road has long been requested by the people of Calapan City to help alleviate traffic congestion to and from the port, said PPA.

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# DA earmarks P263M fund to improve banana quality, halt export dip

THE Department of Agriculture (DA) is allotting P262.7 million partly to bankroll a research and development program to produce banana varieties resistant to fusarium wilt.

The development comes amid declining export sales of bananas attributed to the fungal disease, also known as Panama disease, affecting banana farms and plantations in Mindanao.

For the first seven months of 2020, Philippine exports of bananas dropped 10.7% to \$1.034 billion from the year-ago level of \$1.158 billion, according to the Philippine Statistics Authority.

"I am afraid we are already losing our traditional market share. Given the current situation, our markets still have the disposable income to buy bananas, most especially at this time of a pandemic. There is simply no reason for them not to buy. And yet, the Philippines is losing in the export war. What happened?" asked Agriculture Secretary William Dar.

He said he has instructed agricultural attaches based in China, South Korea, and Thailand to monitor the situation closely.

"If left unchecked, this will reduce substantially the Philippines' exports,

disrupt trade in the international markets, and cause suffering on banana growers, farmers, workers and their families, which may lead to social unrest," he pointed out.

Of the P262.7 million funding, P100 million will be earmarked as a counterpart fund under the Bayanihan to Recover as One Act (Bayanihan 2) to establish a program to control fusarium wilt and rehabilitate affected Cavendish banana areas in Mindanao.

The rest of the funding will be used to seed other development initiatives to further increase the production of quality bananas for both domestic and export markets.

The R&D program will establish a system that aims to produce, via tissue culture, quality fusarium wilt-resistant banana varieties for distribution to farmers to rehabilitate and re-plant disease-damaged farms.

Dar challenged the Pilipino Banana Growers and Exporters (PBGEA) to match DA's P100-million allotment to carry out a sustainable R&D program to control fusarium wilt and rehabilitate affected areas during the group's virtual

27th joint annual general assembly on September 18, 2020.

"I challenge the [PBGEA] leadership to also put a counterpart funding for the very research issues that you would like to pursue. I am not going to mention how much you will commit, but we will gladly welcome your share," Dar said.

PBGEA chairman Alberto Bacani said he expects fellow members—composed of the country's 24 top banana growing and exporting companies—to agree on a counterpart amount matching the DA's fund in their next meeting.

He also pledged their group's assistance to Dar's call to help validate and assess the extent of the Panama disease infestation in Mindanao and agreed that there should be a formal mapping of affected areas.

In addition to the P100 million seed fund for the planned fusarium wilt research center, the DA will implement the "Cardaba" (saba) industry development

program, with funding of P120 million to cover 10 provinces: North Cotabato, Lanao Del Norte, Davao Del Sur, and Agusan Del Norte in Mindanao; Samar and Leyte in the Visayas; and Apayao, Cagayan, Quezon, and Oriental Mindoro in Luzon.

Further, DA, in its proposed 2021 budget, included a P42.7 million fund under the agency's high-value crops development program for various banana industry initiatives.

Fusarium wilt is caused by a soil-borne fungus. It is the first disease of bananas to spread globally in the first half of the 20th century. The epidemic started in Central America, but by the end of the 1980s, the so-called "TR4 strain," to which Cavendish cultivars are susceptible, had been isolated from samples from Taiwan.

The disease has since spread throughout Asia and reached Africa, and is feared to herald the demise of the banana if not controlled.

## 980 master cases of cigarettes seized in Davao

A CONTAINER with 980 master cases of smuggled cigarettes worth an estimated P26 million was apprehended on September 18 at the Port of Davao by the Bureau of Customs (BOC).

The shipment was declared as containing plastic cups and consigned to Goldsmith Trading.

Following derogatory information against the shipment, BOC-Davao district collector Erastus Sandino Austria issued an alert order that led to 100% physical examination of the container which revealed 980 master cases of cigarettes branded as More, Mighty, D&B, and Marvel, among others.

A warrant of seizure and detention (WSD) was issued against the shipment for possible violation of Executive Order No. 245, also known as the Amended Rules and Regulations Governing the Exportation and Importation of Leaf Tobacco and Tobacco Products; National Tobacco Administration (NTA) Memorandum Circular No. 03, series of 2004; NTA Board resolution No. 079-2005; and Section 155 of Republic Act (RA) No. 8293 (Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines) in relation to Section 1113 (f) and Section 117 in connection with Section 1401 of RA 10863, otherwise known as the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act.

## BOC Davao opens customer care center

THE Bureau of Customs (BOC) Port of Davao launched its own Customer Care Center (CCC) on September 17, the eighth such customs facility to be established at Philippine ports.

The CCC is a one-stop shop providing all types of customs services such as centralized document receiving and releasing, gate pass issuances, filing of goods declaration and other customs services.

The CCC also features real-time viewing of customers' transactions through the Customer Care Portal System (CCPS). The CCPS is an online ticketing system through which stakeholders can electronically submit their queries/concerns, feedback, and scanned documents needed to process their goods declaration. It also allows BOC stakeholders and clients to check the status of their transactions from the comfort of their homes or offices using any web-connected electronic device.

"The creation of the Port's Customer Care Center will not only streamline our services but also strengthen our quarantine measure by discouraging face-to-face transactions and promote online processes," BOC-Davao district collector Atty. Erastus Sandino Austria said in a statement.

BOC has been actively establishing CCCs to enhance trade facilitation and comply with Republic Act No. 11032, or the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act.

Seven other ports have earlier established their own CCCs—Port of Manila, Legazpi, Batangas, Surigao, Subic, Clark, and Zamboanga.



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SUEZ CANAL	20006E	10/04	10/08	HYUNDAI PLUTO	014E	10/11		10/22	10/29	
ZANTE	081E	10/11	10/15	TBA		10/18		10/29	11/05	

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**PACIFIC NORTHWEST 3 (PN3) via BUSAN**

FEEDER VESSEL	VOY. NO.	ETD MNL	ETA PUS	MOTHER VESSEL	VOY. NO.	ETD PUS	ETA VAN	ETA SEA
TABEA	890E	09/27	10/01	YM MODERATION	052E	10/05	10/16	10/20
SUEZ CANAL	20006E	10/04	10/08	SEASPAN GANGES	020E	10/12	10/23	10/27
ZANTE	081E	10/11	10/15	ONE MAXIM	052E	10/19	10/30	11/03

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**EAST COAST SERVICE 4 (EC4) SERVICE via SINGAPORE**

FEEDER VESSEL	VOY. NO.	ETD MNL	ETA SIN	MOTHER VESSEL	VOY. NO.	ETD SIN	NYC	ORF	SAV	CST
ALS FAUNA	084S	09/28	10/03	AL QIBLA	019E	10/05	10/29	11/01	11/04	11/06
SEASPAN NEW YORK	006S	10/04	10/09	YM WARMTH	025E	10/12	11/05	11/08	11/11	11/13
ALS FAUNA	085S	10/11	10/16	ONE MINATO	011E	10/19	11/12	11/15	11/18	11/20

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**EAST COAST SERVICE 5 (EC5) SERVICE via SINGAPORE**

FEEDER VESSEL	VOY. NO.	ETD MNL	ETA SIN	MOTHER VESSEL	VOY. NO.	ETD SIN	USNYC	SAV	JAX	ORF
ALS FAUNA	084S	09/28	10/03	KYOTO EXPRESS	088E	10/07	11/02	11/05	11/07	11/09
SEASPAN NEW YORK	006S	10/04	10/09	DALIAN EXPRESS	113E	10/14	11/09	11/12	11/14	11/16
ALS FAUNA	085S	10/11	10/16	YM UPSURGENCE	046E	10/21	11/16	11/19	11/21	11/23

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**FAR EAST PENDULUM 1 (FP1) VIA SGSIN**

FEEDER VESSEL	VOY. NO.	ETD MNL	ETA SIN	MOTHER VESSEL	VOY. NO.	ETD SIN	RTM	HAM	LEH
ALS FAUNA	084S	09/28	10/03	NYK ORPHEUS	059W	10/05	10/25	10/28	10/31
SEASPAN NEW YORK	006S	10/04	10/09	NYK ORION	064W	10/12	11/01	11/04	11/07
ALS FAUNA	085S	10/11	10/16	ONE HAMBURG	066W	10/19	11/08	11/11	11/14

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**FAR EAST PENDULUM 2 (FP2) VIA SGSIN**

FEEDER VESSEL	VOY. NO.	ETD MNL	ETA SIN	MOTHER VESSEL	VOY. NO.	ETD SIN	RTM	HAM	ANR	SOU
ALS FAUNA	084S	09/28	10/03	YM WELLSRING	007W	10/09	11/01	11/03	11/06	11/09
SEASPAN NEW YORK	006S	10/04	10/09	ONE COLUMBA	009W	10/16	11/08	11/10	11/13	11/16
ALS FAUNA	085S	10/11	10/16	YM WELLNESS	026W	10/23	11/15	11/17	11/20	11/23

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**MED1 (MD1) SERVICE via SINGAPORE**

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ALS FAUNA	079S	07/19	07/24	HAMBURG EXPRESS	038W	07/30	08/19	08/22	08/29
SEASPAN FRASER	006S	07/26	07/31	TBA		08/06	08/26	08/29	09/05
ALS FAUNA	080S	08/02	08/07	UMM SALAL	021W	08/13	09/02	09/05	09/12

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**MED2 (MD2) SERVICE via SINGAPORE**

FEEDER VESSEL	VOY. NO.	ETD MNL	ETA SIN	MOTHER VESSEL	VOY. NO.	ETD SIN	SPE	GOA	FOS
ALS FAUNA	079S	07/19	07/24	VOID		07/29	08/16	08/18	08/22
SEASPAN FRASER	006S	07/26	07/31	AIN SNAN	018W	08/05	08/23	08/25	08/29
ALS FAUNA	080S	08/02	08/07	TBA		08/12	08/30	09/01	09/05

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**NEW WEST LATIN SERVICE 2 (NW2) SERVICE via BUSAN**

FEEDER VESSEL	VOY. NO.	ETD MNL	ETA PUS	MOTHER VESSEL	VOY. NO.	ETD PUS	ZLO	LAZ	CLL	SAI	LQN
TABEA	890E	09/27	10/01	MSC ELISA	854E	10/05	10/20	10/22	10/31	11/05	11/09
SUEZ CANAL	20006E	10/04	10/08	SEASPAN BRAVO	011E	10/12	10/27	10/29	11/07	11/12	11/16
ZANTE	081E	10/11	10/15	MSC MARGRIT	012E	10/19	11/03	11/05	11/14	11/19	11/23

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KMTC PUSAN	114S	06/17	06/18	06/21	06/24	06/25	06/29	06/30
KMTC SHANGHAI	156S	06/24	06/25	06/28	07/01	07/02	07/06	07/07

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**CHINA SOUTH EAST 2**

FEEDER VESSEL	VOY. NO.	ETA MNL	ETA MNL	ETA CNSHA	ETA CNNGB
NORDLEOPARD	007N	06/20	06/22	06/25	06/27
INVICTA	015N	06/27	06/29	07/02	07/04
MOUNT NICHOLSON	010N	07/04	07/06	07/09	07/11

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HYUNDAI VOYAGER	093N	07/12 - 07/14	07/18	07/19	07/21	07/24
HYUNDAI GOODWILL	095N	07/19 - 07/21	07/25	07/26	07/28	07/31

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## BOC implements intra-ASEAN...

with administrative limitations of the CO Form applications, improving distribution timelines so even weekend shipments will not be delayed, the Department of Trade and Industry earlier said.

### Origin declaration

With implementation of the AWSC on September 20, certified exporters are now able to make out Origin Declaration to all of the ASEAN member states.

The Origin Declaration is a declaration on the origin of goods exported that a certified exporter must make according to the operational certification procedures of the ATIGA.

CMO 24-2020 covers the originating goods of certified exporters that are exported to and imported from ASEAN member states.

The new CMO sets out the operational procedure for origin declarations

and provides guidelines under which customs officers at the Preferential Rate Unit (PRU), or its equivalent unit at the port, will grant tariff rates for goods coming from ASEAN member states using origin declarations.

It also establishes the criteria and operational procedure for the authorization of certified exporters, and establishes export procedures for certified exporters.

BOC's Export Coordination Division (ECD) will carry out examination of the application for certified exporter status.

The ECD, through the Export Divisions (ED) or its equivalent unit, will monitor use of the authorization and verify correctness or authenticity of Origin Declarations made out by certified exporters.

The ECD or its equivalent unit should also act on retrospective verification requests by customs authorities of importing

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ASEAN member states on Origin Declarations made out by Philippine certified exporters.

The ECD should also maintain a Philippine AWSC database and monitor all Philippine certified exporters as to their compliance to laws, rules and regulations pertinent to exportations and rules of origin.

The PRU, on the other hand, will evaluate authenticity of the Origin Declaration submitted by importers and grant ATIGA preferential rates accordingly.

The PRU, through the ECD, may also request for verification should it doubt authenticity of the Origin Declaration made out by certified exporters from other ASEAN member states or the accuracy of the information regarding the origin of their goods.

Exporters intending to be certified can submit their applications in both hard

copy and electronic portable document format (PDF) to the Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group (AOCG) through BOC's Customer Care Center (CCC).

After evaluating the application and finding it in order, the ECD will recommend to the AOCG deputy commissioner the granting of certified exporter status and prepare the written authorization within 15 working days from date of receipt of application. Otherwise, it will be recommend the disapproval of the application, stating the reason for the denial.

A certified exporter will be included in the Philippine AWSC database for at least three years from the date of granting of status.

CMO 24-2020 repeals CMO 18-2015 (guidelines in the implementation of the second pilot project of the ASEAN Self-Certification System and of certified exporters) and all other inconsistent rules and regulations. – **Roumina Pablo**

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African airlines may lose over \$6 billion of revenue and the contribution of the industry to the GDP of countries on the continent may drop by \$28 billion. And 3.1 million jobs linked to the industry are at risk on the continent.

"Ensuring that ships keep moving, ports remain open and cross-border trade continues flowing requires further reforms into digitalization and the dematerialization of processes. Many of our UNCTAD solutions help to achieve this," said United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Secretary-General Mukhisa Kituyi.

The statement released September 17, 2020 was signed by UNCTAD, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, International Maritime Organization, International Civil Aviation Organization, United Nations Economic

Commission for Africa, United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and Caribbean, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, and United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

To maximize the contribution of international trade and supply chains to a sustainable socioeconomic recovery, the signatories recommended greater use of international legal instruments and standards, as well as strengthened regional and sectoral cooperation.

They said that UN instruments—such as the UNCTAD Automated System for Customs Data (ASYCUDA), UNECE-administered TIR Convention and its eTIR International System, the CMR Convention—facilitate the use of a safe and efficient trade and intermodal transport system. These instruments allow for moving cargo across borders without

requiring physical checks and for reducing contact between people.

Moreover, single windows enable traders to communicate electronically with all agencies involved. International standards for data exchange, such as those developed by the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business also help reduce physical contact and enhance streamlined processes.

The signatories supported further digitalization of trade and customs procedures to ensure the fast and secure exchange of data and information concerning cargo and means of transport and contactless clearances.

They encouraged all governments to take a risk-based approach to restoring air, inland and maritime

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connectivity with minimal restrictions.

They called upon governments to review international and regional trade agreements, and ensure they contain provisions to facilitate trade and transport in times of crisis and pandemics.

They urged countries to take appropriate action in facilitating trade and transport value chains.



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