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LTO approves private truck inspection centers

- Land Transportation Office Memorandum Circular 2022-2322 authorizes the establishment of private motor vehicle inspection centers for heavy-duty vehicles
- The centers will cater to heavy-duty vehicles, including trucks for hire
- The LTO ruling paves the way for roadworthiness, instead of truck age, as basis for grant of franchises to trucks for hire
- A notice will be issued inviting applicants to set up PMVICs for heavy-duty vehicles

THE Land Transportation Office (LTO) has authorized the opening of private motor vehicle inspection centers (PMVIC) for heavy-duty vehicles, including trucks for hire.

LTO Memorandum Circular No. 2022-2322 dated February 28 effectively paves the way for the application of roadworthiness, instead of truck age, as basis for granting franchise to trucks for hire.

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BOC requires geotagged pics in importer accreditation

- Importers applying for accreditation must submit geotagged photos of their office and warehouse/storage areas as part of documentary requirements
- CMO 08-2022 sets the new requirement to enhance BOC's risk management and enforcement capabilities
- For renewal of accreditation, applicants must also submit proof of financial capacity to import goods

THE Bureau of Customs will now require geotagged photos of office and warehouse/storage areas as part of documentary requirements for new applications and renewal of importer's accreditation.

The additional requirement is aimed at enhancing BOC's risk management and enforcement capabilities, according to Customs Memorandum Order No. 08-2022.

CMO 08-2022 amends CMO 31-2019.

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China lockdowns, Ukraine conflict spur greater supply chain disorder

- Closures due to lockdowns in China, the Russia-Ukraine war and upcoming contract negotiations on US West Coast ports are contributing to greater supply chain disorder this year, according to a Container xChange report
- Capacity shortage will persist as port congestion worsens, freight rates shoot up and capacity deteriorates
- Average container prices in China slid 12-18% in the last one month, but should increase in the coming weeks, the report says

LOCKDOWNS in China's industrial cities, which came just as the global supply chain prepared to recover from the collateral damage caused by COVID-19 this year and companies got ready for the April-July produce shipping season, are weighing down container prices.

Chinese factory closures combined with disruptions caused by the Russian invasion of Ukraine and upcoming contract negotiations on the US West Coast ports are contributing to greater supply chain disorder this year, Container xChange said a press statement.

As a result of the Zero COVID strategy in China, many factories reopen while others further go into shut down, the global container leasing and trading platform said.

This time of year most firms begin to ship fresh production in preparation for the early peak season, Container xChange said. The lockdowns will not just cause a production slowdown, they will also slacken cargo movement, two detrimental effects on the supply chain.

While ports in the United States will not feel the pinch before 3-5 weeks, Container xChange said it expects China-US traffic to get complicated further if the lockdowns persist.

"If [they] persist, the lockdowns will delay container movement significantly at these ports, which will have the maximum impact on US shipments. In the long term, this will create more chaos as rates climb higher, capacity tightens and shipments [get delayed]," said Johannes Schlingmeier, co-founder and chief executive of Container xChange.

He said shippers need to plan their cargo much more in advance in 2022 than last year, given the geopolitical scenario, the US West Coast contract negotiations in July and rail disruptions.

"In the coming months, the transpacific route will witness a major disruption, and shippers must think ahead and prepare for the worst as port congestion worsens, freight rates shoot up and capacity deteriorate," Schlingmeier advised.

Container prices decline by 12-18% at China ports

In the past one month from February to March, average container prices had slipped 12-18% at the ports of Shenzhen, Qingdao and Ningbo, among other ports.

Going by how the average prices developed last year after the Ningbo port shutdown in July-August 2021, Container xChange said it expects average prices to drop for a few days or weeks as Chinese ports experience restricted exports, while they are still importing.

Once the ports fully resume operations, there will be pressure to deliver more containers, driving up average container prices in the next few months as the industry inches closer to the pre-peak



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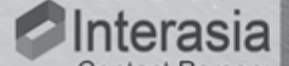
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season, Container xChange said. What remains to be seen is whether the prices reach old highs.

Sofar, the impact on average container prices is limited. As the Shenzhen city officials announce resuming transportation and factory activity after the lockdowns, analysts are positive of the minimum impact this hiccup will have on the overall supply chain.

The platform data of Container xChange shows that the average prices of 40ft high cube (HC) containers at Shenzhen port fell 12.4% from US\$5,887 on February 27 to US\$5,154

on March 20, and prices for 20ft dry container (DC) fell 18.8% from US\$2,800 to US\$2,272.

At Ningbo, the average prices for 40ft HC containers slid 15.8% from US\$5,930 on February 14 to US\$4,990 on March 20. For 20ft DC, prices fell 13.5% from US\$2,603 to \$2,251 during the period.

At Qingdao, the average price of 40ft HC containers slipped 12% from US\$5,420 on February 26 to US\$4,748 on March 20. For 20ft DC, prices fell 12.5% from US\$2,360 on February 26 to US\$2,064 on March 20.

Trans-Asia Shipping tax perks to keep costs in check

- Tax incentives granted to Trans-Asia Shipping Lines will help the company cut cash operating costs
- The perks are tied to the operation of roll on-roll off passenger vessel, MV Trans-Asia 21
- It is deployed on the Cebu-Cagayan de Oro-Cebu route

TAX incentives recently granted to Trans-Asia Shipping Lines will help the company reduce cash operating costs while focusing on increasing revenues, said Chrysty Alfonso V. Damuy, president and CEO of Chelsea Logistics and Infrastructure Holdings Corp.

The Fiscal Incentives Review Board (FIRB) approved the tax perks of Trans-

Asia, a subsidiary of Chelsea Logistics, following Board of Investments approval of the company's application for registration as a new domestic shipping operator under Republic Act 11534 (Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises Law) and Preferred Activities of the 2020 Investment Priorities Plan.

The incentives are tied to the operation of roll on-roll off passenger vessel, MV Trans-Asia 21.

Incentives include a four-year income tax holiday, five-year enhanced deductions, and 11-year duty exemption on importation of capital equipment, raw materials, spare parts or accessories, from the date of registration

"We are certain that the temporary tax-break periods will help the company generate more taxable revenue for the gov-

ernment over the long term by maintaining and growing our business during the tax holiday," said Damuy in a statement.

He said the group will continue to invest in facilities and amenities onboard its ships to offer Filipinos comfort and safe sea travel.

Delivered in May 2021, Japan-made MV Trans-Asia 21 is the biggest brand-new ro-ro passenger vessel in the Philippines plying the Cebu-Cagayan de Oro-Cebu route. The company said the vessel, its 15th, is the most energy-efficient ship of its class. It measures 123 meters long and has a gross registered tonnage of approximately 8,800 tons. It can carry 1,051 passengers and accommodate 10' and 20' container vans, 20' plugged-in reefer vans, buses, 10-wheeler trucks and heavy equipment units.

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Draft PH trade facilitation roadmap identifies 6 key reform areas

- The Philippine Trade Facilitation Committee's roadmap and key reform areas for implementation in 2022-2028 are now on the drawing board
• PTFC members approve the committee's vision statement: Rise above the TIDES – Transparent, Inclusive, Digital, Efficient, and Secure Customs and Trade Procedures

TECHNICAL working groups of the Philippine Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC) are drafting the body's roadmap

for 2022-2028 and its key reform areas for implementation, according to the Bureau of Customs.

PTFC members also agreed on the committee's vision statement, "Rise above the TIDES-Transparent, Inclusive, Digital, Efficient, and Secure Customs and Trade Procedures" during the second meeting of the PTFC TWGs and PTFC Roadmap Writeshop from March 15 to 17.

The vision statement focuses on six key reform areas for implementation: stakeholder engagement, inter-agency coordination, technology infrastructure, legal and regulatory framework, COVID

response measure, and support to micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSME), according to a BOC statement.

BOC earlier said the key reform areas will serve as a guide in drafting the PTFC roadmap. It is based on inputs gathered during the PTFC stakeholder consultation last September and on recommendations from the World Bank Group.

Customs Commissioner Rey Leonardo Guerrero, in his opening remarks during the meeting, highlighted the importance of finalizing the PTFC roadmap in conveying a clear service framework by BOC and the trade regulatory government agencies

(TRGAs) in providing support for MSMEs and the trading community in general.

Guerrero encouraged MSME representatives and involved government agencies to actively participate in activities of the PTFC roadmap for a whole-of-government approach in providing MSMEs access to the global market.

The three-day hybrid session was attended by government officials and private sector representatives from the PTFC Compliance Monitoring Technical Working Group, PTFC Trade Policy Review Technical Working Group, and the PTFC Ad-Hoc Technical Working Group.

Members from the World Bank Group also attended to share international best practices of other countries in refining their draft PTFC roadmap.

BOC said high-level collaborative arrangements will continue to be conducted between the government and the private sector in finalizing detailed activities of the PTFC Roadmap 2022-2028.

The PTFC was created through Executive Order No. 136 issued in May 2021 to enable the Philippines to comply with its World Trade Organization-Trade Facilitation Agreement commitments.

The WTO-TFA mandates each member state to establish and/or maintain a national committee on trade facilitation, or designate an existing mechanism to facilitate both domestic coordination and implementation of provisions of the agreement.

The Philippines ratified the WTO-TFA in 2016 with the agreement coming into force in 2017.

The PTFC is chaired by the Department of Finance with the Department of Trade and Industry as co-chair and BOC as vice chair.

Under EO 136, the PTFC is tasked to study, propose and coordinate the position, activities or actions of the Philippine government on matters pertaining to implementation of the WTO-TFA and other trade facilitation commitments.

It should also coordinate with and secure assistance from relevant government agencies and stakeholders on various trade and trade-related concerns covered by the WTO-TFA and other trade facilitation commitments.



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which in turn amends CMO 05-2018 and provides revised guidelines for accreditation of importers and customs brokers.

For new applications for accreditation as importer, the company profile should have geotagged photos of the office with proper and permanent signage and geotagged photos of the warehouse/storage area.

For renewal of accreditation as importer, the geotagged photos of the applicant's office address and warehouse/storage facility are also required, if applicable.

Another added requirement for accreditation renewal is proof of financial capacity to import goods, such as a bank certificate or other forms of financial certification. Top 1,000 taxpayers and Super Green Lane companies are excluded from this requirement, which was previously required only for new applicants.

Geotagging is the process of appending geographic coordinates to media based on the location of a mobile device. The information that you're likely to get in a geotag includes location coordinates, altitude, bearing, distance, and the exact name of the place.

BOC last year started using geotagging of photos and videos as a mandatory procedure during Customs operations. Under CMO 37-2021, BOC operatives must show proof of conduct of operations by submitting geotagged photos and videos.

BOC earlier acquired 200 body-worn cameras for its collection districts nationwide as part of efforts to modernize and enhance its enforcement capabilities.

Last year, the bureau also started requiring geotagged photos of imported passenger motor vehicles/automobiles with the assigned examiner, along with



a photocopy of the vehicle identification number as additional documentary requirement for submission to the Import

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Mobility Matters

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IF there's one thing that should be painfully obvious after two years in a pandemic (and of us being under some form of lockdown or another), it's this: mobility matters.

After all, our economy took a massive hit when our mobility was severely restricted. Between forcing the majority of the labor force to work at home, and imposing a mountain of regulations dictating who can and cannot go out - remember when we weren't so sure who was counted as an "authorized person outside of residence?" - our economy lost many opportunities that led to a drastic drop in GDP.

Now, I'm not saying we shouldn't have restricted movement despite the rising number of cases of a disease we didn't know much about at the time. This is just an illustration of the impact of mobility on economic activity. The government realized as much, considering how it gradually loosened these restrictions from the beginning of "community quarantine", when those moving "essential goods" were allowed to travel "unhindered", to the past few months, when the alert level system was tweaked to gradually allow more people to go out and do,

well, more things.

It's been almost a month since Metro Manila and several other parts of the country went under alert level 1. That means, outside of mask requirements in most establishments and vaccination requirements for some activities, we've been operating as if it was February 2020 all over again. At least from my view, shops have been abuzz again, almost to the point of me thinking, "aren't there too many people here?" But with vaccination levels reaching government targets in some places, stakeholders have begun regaining some of that confidence lost in the early months of lockdown. Of course, other factors hold it back - continuing uncertainty over our ability to contain another spike in cases, geopolitical uncertainties, rising costs - but arguably we're in a somewhat better place now.

But what about e-commerce, you ask? Doesn't that prove that businesses can continue to operate without customers having to leave home? Well, one, the sector's record-shattering growth in the past couple of years would not have happened without addressing the mobility issues that came up at the beginning of the lockdown. Someone needs to physically deliver the goods from port to warehouse to doorstep, after all.

Two, e-commerce is not supposed to replace the traditional retail experience; rather, it's supposed to complement it. We've been looking up details of the

things we want to buy online long before the e-commerce boom of the past couple of years. What e-commerce has done is enrich the experience, allowing consumers more flexibility on getting the things they want and need. More payment options? More delivery options? That's e-commerce for you. Addressing mobility challenges makes it possible either way.

As things stand now, there are still some mobility challenges in place. Take the reduction in public transportation options in Metro Manila. While vehicle capacity should be back to 100%, limitations imposed on certain forms of transport - for example, there are fewer bus stops along EDSA - remain in place. As businesses start returning to the office, employees find it more difficult to physically return to work, or do anything else, for that matter. Frankly, our capacity to truly return to normal - old or new - isn't in place. Again, the answers are for the medium- to long-term, especially investment in infrastructure - both for mass transport (think bus systems) and small-scale ones (think bike lanes). The National Transport Policy already says as much: we hope it doesn't end up being an empty document.

Another mobility challenge: the increasing costs of transporting goods. The logistics sector is particularly vulnerable to this sort of shock: they bear the first brunt of higher fuel prices, for instance. While the market dictates these costs will ultimately be passed down to the consumer, what interventions can be done to minimize these effects? As I mentioned in my previous column, the threat of "stagflation" and the possibility of a cost-of-living crisis has never been as tantalizingly close as

in the past fortnight.

Finally, as the e-commerce boom illustrated perfectly, mobility is not just about one person moving around; it's also about things moving to the person wherever they may be. The struggles over whether employees should be compelled to return to the office after enjoying the delights (and tolerating the shortfalls) of working from home suggests that businesses - and regulators, in the case of BPO firms being required to occupy their offices or lose their tax breaks - need to be much more flexible now. I can go to work, and work can go to me - how do we strike the balance in a way that satisfies everyone? It may not be obvious, but this is also a mobility issue.

Ultimately, it's about being where we want to be in the best way possible. As we poise ourselves for economic recovery, mobility matters, more than ever. Any solutions that seek to address these issues should be substantial, not cosmetic - and made for the long term.

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