

# [ MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 27, October 06, 2017 ]

## **DIRECTING ALL CONCERNED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO STRENGTHEN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PHILIPPINE EXPORT DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND INVOLVING OTHER RELEVANT AGENCIES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EXPORT SECTOR**

**WHEREAS**, per Article II of Republic Act (RA) No. 7844, otherwise known as the Export Development Act of 1994, the President of the Philippines shall approve the Philippine Export Development Plan, a three-year rolling plan that defines the country's annual and medium-term export thrusts, strategies, programs and projects, jointly implemented by the government, exporters and other sectors concerned;

**WHEREAS**, Memorandum Circular No. 91 (s. 2016) approved the PEDP 2015- 2017 and directed fourteen (14) government agencies to collectively work and review all relevant policies to facilitate exports and eliminate those that hamper its free flow;

**WHEREAS**, succeeding PEDPs shall be crafted for continuity, consistency of policies and innovative strategies to increase exports and jobs for Filipinos;

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to review and implement specific rules and strategies on trade facilitation to support the export process, in order to streamline business procedures and reduce cost;

**WHEREAS**, to ensure efficient, responsive and well-coordinated strategies, it is critical to involve other agencies in the development of the export sector, particularly those that can provide support to information and Communications Technology (ICT) infrastructure, tourism, and manpower development and skills training;

Now therefore, the following government agencies and entities *are* hereby directed to collectively work, review, institute reforms, and implement all relevant policies in harmony with the PEDP and the Philippine Development Plan to boost export growth:

1. The **Department of Trade and Industry** shall be responsible for monitoring and implementing the strategies to attain external trade targets, particularly exports of goods and services; lead in export development and promotion through internationalization of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs); continue to promote competitiveness and ease of doing business in order to promote expansion of existing businesses; attract domestic and foreign direct investment; ensure market access; and intensify market intelligence;

2. The **Department of Agriculture** shall ensure the availability of supply of agricultural and fishery products and raw materials for manufacture and sale of export products; and provide assistance for

compliance to international standards to ensure product quality and safety;

3. The **Department of Energy** shall formulate and implement policies and programs to ensure sustainable, stable, secure, sufficient supply, accessible and reasonably-priced energy:

4. The **Department of Environment and Natural Resources** shall assist the exporters of forest-based export products to comply with the requirements of international markets and facilitate issuance of necessary documentation for environmental compliance;

5. The **Department of Health**, through the Food and Drug Administration, shall facilitate the application and issuance of License to Operate and Certificate of Product Registration by streamlining and automating its systems and procedures;

6. The **Department of Finance**, through the Bureau of Customs and the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), shall fully implement the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA); automate, streamline and integrate the import and export processes; implement policies on tax reforms: and streamline BIR tax compliance processes;

7. The **Department of Information and Communications Technology** shall provide support to the promotion of trade and investment opportunities, especially in the ICT and ICT-Enabled Services sectors; and push for the use of ICT to automate government regulatory processes and synchronize government systems with the aim of ensuring ease of doing

8, The **Department of the Interior and Local Government** shall ensure the streamlining of business permitting systems and other regulatory processes of local government units that are related to ease of doing business; establish linkages and interoperability with other government agencies related to business/economic development; ensure the compliance of local government units (LGUs) in all related laws that affect exportation and ease of doing business through issuance of regulatory policies and guidelines; provide technical assistance to LGUs related to the ease of doing business such as investment promotion and public-private partnership and others; and ensure peace and order and public safety;

9. The **Department of Public Works and Highways** shall prioritize road connectivity through the Roads Leveraging Linkages for Industry and Trade (ROLL IT) Program, the Tourism Road Infrastructure Programs, and Construction/improvement of Access Roads leading to airports/seaports in coordination with the Department of Transportation, for the efficient delivery of products and services;

10. The **Department of Transportation** shall provide effective and efficient land, air, and maritime transportation systems to reduce time and cost in the delivery of goods and services;