

**[NTA MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 001, S. 2013,
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**ADDENDUM TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE
LOCAL TRADING OF LEAF TOBACCO, PROVIDING THE
PROCEDURE IN THE DISPOSAL OF TOBACCO SWEEPINGS AND
PROHIBITING THE SALE OF TOBACCO SWEEPINGS TO ANY
PERSON/ENTITY AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS**

WHEREAS, the NTA is the sole government agency mandated to regulate the tobacco industry and has specific powers to conduct agricultural and industrial researches;

WHEREAS, the NTA, in aggressive pursuit of finding other industrial uses of tobacco has explored and developed the alternative use of tobacco as molluscicide cum fertilizer for aquaculture/fishpond application, which product was successfully registered with the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) as per FPA Accreditation No. 1-2LF-1136 dated January 22, 2012 and Control No. 01-1480-10;

WHEREAS, the NTA has established its Tobacco Dust Processing Plant (TDPP) at Sto. Tomas, La Union, as the center for the processing of Tobacco Dust Plus for commercial use to cater the needs of fishpond operators for Regions I, II and III and other neighboring regions;

WHEREAS, in order for the TDPP to be effectively utilized and operated in its minimum capacity, there is a need to augment the volume of raw materials to be processed as tobacco dust, which volume can be sourced from the sweepings from the tobacco trading centers, WTD warehouses, Manufacturing Plants and tobacco storage areas of Field Representatives;

WHEREAS, the tobacco sweepings are bought by individuals/entities from the TCs, WTDs, Field Representatives and Cigar/Cigarette Manufacturers and are sold to fishpond operators at a very low price and without proper registration and/or undergoing any quality control procedures, which greatly affects the marketing of the NTA Tobacco Dust Plus;

WHEREAS, to prevent the proliferation of low quality tobacco dust in the market and to protect the interest of the NTA Tobacco Dust Plus as a registered product, there is a need to issue an addendum to the rules and regulations governing local trading of leaf tobacco, providing the procedures for the disposal of tobacco sweepings and further prohibiting its sale to any person/entity and providing penalties/sanctions for violations thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises and pursuant to the powers vested in to the NTA, the following addendum to the Rules and Regulations Governing the Local Trading of Leaf Tobacco, as follows: