

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRADE AND INDUSTRY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
AND THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OF QUALITY
SUPERVISION, INSPECTION AND QUARANTINE OF THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON COOPERATION OF
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS SAFETY AND TBT MEASURES**

With a view to protect the consumer's safety and health of the two countries, to strengthen the cooperation in the fields of industrial products safety and TBT measures, to promote the bilateral trade, to remove the unreasonable technical barriers to trade, the Department of Trade and Industry of the Republic of the Philippines and the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"), through friendly consultation, have reached an agreement as follows:

ARTICLE I

The Parties agree to establish a consultative cooperation mechanism in the fields of industrial products safety and TBT measures between the Republic of the Philippines and the People's Republic of China, in accordance with the principles of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade of World Trade Organization (hereinafter referred to as "the WTO/TBT Agreement").

ARTICLE II

Activities initiated in accordance with this MOA should be subject to the applicable laws, rules and regulations and national policies of the Republic of the Philippines and the People's Republic of China. This MOA shall not affect any rights or obligations of each party under international laws.

ARTICLE III

The Parties shall take corresponding measures in accordance with the national laws, rules and regulations, and principles of the WTO/TBT Agreement to ensure that imported and exported products conform to the requirements of safety, health, and environmental protection, measures-against deceptive practices, and technical barriers to trade is minimized.

ARTICLE IV

With a view to ensure the conformity of products, the Parties agree to:

1. exchange information about the latest laws, safety regulations, technical regulations and standards of relevant industrial products;
2. exchange information about inspection and supervision procedures on product quality and safety;
3. exchange information on regulated or controlled products;