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Port Area, Manila

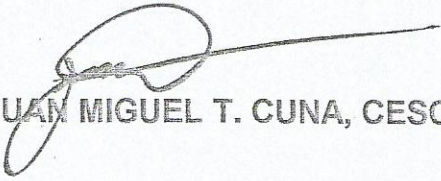
Dear **Commissioner Sevilla**:

This refers to the importation of Lead Acid batteries wherein importers are being referred to our Office by the Bureau of Customs (BOC).

Please be informed that **Lead Acid battery** is considered an article, which is material that is manufactured in a specific shape or designed for specific application and the design is maintained as an essential feature of the finished product. In this regard, lead acid battery is ready for commercial distribution and not considered as chemical substances as defined under R.A. 6969 and its implementing Rules and Regulations (DAO 92-29). Thus, importation of **Lead Acid batteries** is not regulated under Chemical Control Order for Lead and Lead Compounds under DENR Administrative Order No. 2013-24. The importers may coordinate and secure the necessary permit for these batteries from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of the Department of Health (DOH).

Please be guided accordingly.

Very truly yours,

  
**ATTY. JUAN MIGUEL T. CUNA, CESO IV**  
Director

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