

SPECIAL NEWS BULLETIN

TO: WCO MEMBERS

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PHILIPPINES –DEFINITIVE SAFEGUARD MEASURES ON TESTLINER

(Please see also WCO Newsletter No. 05. Dec. 2010 Page 5)

Dear Members,

We were informed by the Philippine Department of Trade and Industry's that definitive general safeguard measures have been imposed on testliner board regardless of grams per square meter (GSM) imported from various countries classified under ASEAN Harmonized Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN).

5.2 Government Tariff Policy

Table 2. Rates of Duty on Testliner Board

HS Hdg. No.	AHTN Code	DESCRIPTION	2010 Rates of Duty (%)								
			MFN	WTO Bound Rate	PJEPA	ATIGA	ACFTA	AKFTA	AJCEPA	AANZFTA	
48.05		Other uncoated paper and paperboard, in rolls or sheets, not further worked or processed than as specified in Note 3 to this Chapter.									
		- Testliner (recycled liner board):									
	4805.24.00	-- Weighing 150 g/m2 or less	7	U	4	0	0*	0	4	7	
	4805.25	-- Weighing more than 150 g/m2:									
	4805.25.10	--- Weighing less than 225 g/m2	7	U	4	0	0*	0	4	7	
	4805.25.90	--- Other	7	U	4	0	0*	0	4	7	

AHTN – ASEAN Harmonized Tariff Nomenclature; MFN – Most Favored Nation; WTO – World Trade Organization; U – unbound
PJEPA – Philippines-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement; ATIGA – ASEAN Trade In Goods Agreement;
ACFTA – ASEAN-China Free Trade Agreement; AKFTA – ASEAN-Korea Free Trade Agreement;
AJCEPA – ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement;
AANZFTA – ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement
*/ - Products are in the Sensitive List of China under the ACFTA.

The measures shall be effective for 3 years starting September 16, 2010, the date the provisional measure took effect.

The definitive general safeguard measure for the first year of its implementation shall be in the amount of (Philippine) Peso 1,342.00/MT subject to an annual review during the remaining years

of the implementation period as provided under Sections 13 and 15.3 of RA 8800 and Rules 15.5 and 15.6 of its IRR for purposes of liberalizing or reducing its intensity.

The order shall be effective from the date of the issuance by the Bureau of Customs of the relevant Customs Memorandum Order (CMO) or 15 days after the publication of the DTI Order in 2 newspapers of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Please note that not all WCO members are affected by this measure:

List of Developing Countries and Separate Customs Territories Excluded from the Imposition of Definitive Safeguard Measure on Testliner Boards

East & Southern Africa	West Africa	North Africa	South Asia
Angola	Benin	Algeria	Afghanistan
Botswana	Burkina Faso	Egypt, Arab Rep.	Bangladesh
Burundi	Cameroon	Libya	Bhutan
Comoros	Cape Verde	Morocco	British Indian Ocean Territory
Congo, Dem. Rep.	Central African Rep.	Tunisia	East Timor
Djibouti	Chad		India
Eritrea	Congo, Rep.		Maldives
Ethiopia	Cote d' Ivoire		Nepal
Kenya	Equatorial Guinea		Pakistan
Lesotho	Gabon		Sri Lanka
Madagascar	Gambia, The		
Malawi	Ghana		
Mauritius	Guinea		
Mozambique	Guinea, Bissau		
Namibia	Liberia		
Reunion	Mali		
Rwanda	Mauritania		
Seychelles	Niger		
Somalia	Nigeria		
South Africa	Sao Tome & Principe		
Sudan	Senegal		
Swaziland	Sierra Leone		
Tanzania	Togo		
Uganda			
Zambia			
Zimbabwe			

Europe & Central Asia	Middle East	Americas	East Asia & Pacific
Albania	Bahrain	Anguilla	American Samoa
Armenia	Iran, Islamic Rep.	Antigua & Barbuda	Brunei Darussalam
Azerbaijan	Iraq	Argentina	Cambodia
Belarus	Israel	Aruba	Chinese Taipei
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Jordan	Bahamas	Christmas Is.
Bulgaria	Kuwait	Barbados	Cocos (Keeling) Is.
Croatia	Lebanon	Belize	Cook Is.
Cyprus	Oman	Bermuda	Fiji
Czech Republic	Qatar	Bolivia	French Polynesia
Estonia	Saudi Arabia	Brazil	Guam
Georgia	Syrian Arab Rep.	British Virgin Is.	Hong Kong, China
Greenland	United Arab Emirates	Cayman Is.	Indonesia
Hungary	West Bank & Gaza	Chile	Johnston Is.
Kazakhstan	Yemen, Rep.	Colombia	Kiribati
Kyrgyz Republic		Costa Rica	Korea, Dem. Rep.
Latvia		Cuba	Lao PDR
Lithuania		Dominica	Macau, China
Macedonia, FYR		Dominican Rep.	Marshall Islands
Malta		Ecuador	Micronesia, Fed. Sts.
Moldova		El Salvador	Midway Is.
Poland		Falkland Is. (Malvinas)	Mongolia
Romania		French Guiana	Myanmar
Russian Federation		Grenada	Nauru
Slovakia		Guadaloupe	New Caledonia
Slovenia		Guatemala	Niue
Tajikistan		Guyana	Northern Marianas Is.
Turkey		Haiti	Palau
Turkmenistan		Honduras	Pitcairn Is.
Ukraine		Jamaica	Papua New Guinea
Uzbekistan		Martinique	People's Republic of China
Yugoslavia, Fed. Rep.		Mexico	Samoa
		Montserrat	Singapore
		Netherland Antilles	Solomon Islands
		Nicaragua	Tokelau
		Norfolk Is.	Tonga
		Panama	Tuvalu
		Paraguay	Vanuatu
		Peru	Wake Is.
		Puerto Rico	Wallis & Futuna Is.
		St. Helena	
		St. Kitts & Nevis	
		St. Lucia	
		St. Pierre & Miquelon	
		St. Vincent & the Grenadines	
		Suriname	
		Trinidad & Tobago	
		Turks & Caicos Is.	
		Uruguay	
		US Virgin Is.	
		Venezuela	

For further information:

http://www.tariffcommission.gov.ph/PUBLIC%20VERSION%20Testliner_Report%2011-14-'10.pdf

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