

## MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2018-003

TO

: ALL ZONE ADMINISTRATORS/ZONE MANAGERS

ALL CONCERNED PEZA-REGISTERED ENTERPRISES

**FROM** 

: The DIRECTOR GENERAL

DATE

: 12 MARCH 2018

**SUBJECT** 

: "STATUS QUO" ON VAT ZERO-RATING INCENTIVE ON SALES

OF GOODS/SERVICES TO SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY

The veto on certain provisions of the TRAIN law, specifically the provision on the zero-rating of sales of goods/service to separate customs territory has caused uncertainties and serious concern on the part of PEZA locators. With some local suppliers already incorporating the VAT on their sales of goods/services to ecozone customers, PEZA sought clarification from the Department of Finance (DOF) as to whether the said veto applies to PEZA locators.

In a letter reply to PEZA, the DOF informed that the TRAIN law does not affect the current zero-rating of sales of goods and services to PEZA locators. Accordingly, Section 8 of Republic Act 7916, otherwise known as the "Special Economic Zone Act of 1995, which provides that special economic zones are to be operated and managed as separate customs territory, has not been amended or repealed by the TRAIN law.

Until a law or revenue regulation is passed/issued contrary to or incompatible with the the above pronouncement by DOF, the VAT zero rating incentive being enjoyed by PEZA locators shall remain in full force and effect.

For your guidance/information.

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