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Dear Mr. Mandl:

The Bureau of Import Services, along with the Trade Regulatory Government Agencies (TRGAs) of the Philippines would like to express our sincere appreciation to you, Mr. Paolo Vergano and to Ms. Maes Alconcel for the support accorded to the Department of Trade and Industry and to the Philippine National Trade Repository (PNTR).

The recently concluded Workshop on NTMs Identification, Classification and Upload Unto the NTR/ATR held at Dusit Thani, Manila last July 4-5, 2019 was a big help for the TRGAs' focal persons to identify and classify the non-tariff measures under their purview. Some of our agencies have identified several measures and classified them either as SPS or TBTs but the number of NTMs identified is quite few compared to the NTMs classified under the ERIA-UNCTAD. We are glad that Ms. Maes Alconcel is helping us in the identification/ classification and packaging of NTMs. To date, we are working with the TRGAs validate the measures under the ERIA-UNCTAD for them to confirm if the measures are still valid, amended or repealed. We are also coordinating with the TRGAs in compiling all the trade regulations/ legal instruments as this will facilitate the review and validation of the NTMs of the Philippines to be uploaded onto the PNTR/ ATR.

Again, our heartfelt thanks to you and to the ARISE Plus for your continued support to the PNTR.

Very truly yours,


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