



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY BOARD

PSA Board Resolution No. 10
Series of 2019

**APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE
2019 PHILIPPINE STANDARD COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION**

WHEREAS, Republic Act 10625 mandates the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) to develop and prescribe uniform standards and classification systems in the generation of official statistics in the Philippine Statistical System (PSS) to ensure harmonization of statistics in the country, at the local, national and international levels;

WHEREAS, standard classification systems are used to achieve uniformity and comparability of statistics generated at the local, national and international levels;

WHEREAS, one of the national standard classification systems being maintained by the PSA is the *Philippine Standard Commodity Classification (PSCC)* which is an integration of the ASEAN Harmonized Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) based on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS) issued by the World Customs Organizations (WCO) and the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) developed by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD);

WHEREAS, the 2015 PSCC is the latest commodity classification, approved by the PSA Board on 28 December 2015 for adoption in the PSS thru PSA Board Resolution 15, series of 2015, which was based on the 2012 ASEAN Harmonized Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) and Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS) issued by the World Customs Organization (WCO);

WHEREAS, the PSCC is regularly updated based on significant changes in the country's trade flows;

WHEREAS, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) released the 2017 AHTN to align with the 2017 HS to reflect new and emerging commodities;

WHEREAS, there is a need to generate information on regulated or controlled as well as prohibited new commodities for better monitoring and evaluation of the government;

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WHEREAS, the Philippines is signatory to various environmental protection conventions such as the KIGALI Amendments to the Montreal Protocol, which necessitate monitoring of ozone depleting commodities;

WHEREAS, the country's trading partners are already using the 2017 HS and AHTN codes as reflected in their import declaration documents;

WHEREAS, the Interagency Committee on Statistical Standards and Classifications (IACSSC), through its Technical Working Group on Commodity Classification (TWComC) in consultation with private industry associations and government sectoral champions has reviewed and recommended the 2019 PSCC which is aligned with the 2017 AHTN and 2017 HS, taking into account the significant changes on the relative importance of various commodities in the country that have taken place since 2015;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the PSA Board approve the 2019 PSCC, for adoption by the concerned agencies and instrumentalities.

Approved this 13th day of August 2019, in Pasig City.



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