

**[FPA MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 93-03 s.
1993, May 25, 1993]**

**GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
CENTRAL BANK CIRCULAR NO. 1337**

In accordance with the provision of Central Bank (CB) Circular No. 1337 dated 27 April 1992, importations of fertilizers shall no longer require an FPA clearance prior to opening Letters of Credit (L/C). As a policy of Government, it is however required that all importations shall: (a) only be made by FPA-licensed importers; and (b) cover only FPA-registered fertilizers.

This FPA Circular sets the following guidelines and procedures to implement CB Circular No. 1337.

SECTION 1. Product Coverage - All fertilizers, whether finished, intermediate or raw materials, shall be covered by this FPA Circular. It shall include, but shall not be limited to, fertilizers under Chapter 31 of the Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines (TCCP) dated August 1991.

The inclusion of all fertilizers in CB Circular No. 1337 is further confirmed by CB Circular No. 1348 dated July 28, 1992 which excludes fertilizers as one of the government-regulated commodities.

SECTION 2. Procedures -

1. All fertilizer importers shall no longer obtain from FPA a Certificate Authorizing Importations of Fertilizer or Fertilizer Inputs (CAIF) as a prerequisite in opening L/Cs or for other modes of importation.

2. For importations of fertilizers with no customs duty as per the TCCP or with customs duty which shall be paid by the importers, the following procedures shall be followed:

a. The name of FPA, as a consignee for the account or end-use of a specific fertilizer importer, shall be deleted from all import documents.

b. The FPA shall not issue a letter-endorsement to the Department of Finance (DOF) requesting for the withdrawal of fertilizer importations from the custody of the Bureau of Customs (BOC) without the prepayment of taxes and duties.

c. The Certificate of Official Importation (Form 1) and Certificate of Undertaking required by the BOC per Customs Memorandum Order (CMO) No. 23-92 and 114-92, respectively, shall no longer be prepared by FPA.