



Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft  
Confédération suisse  
Confederazione Svizzera  
Confederaziun svizra

Swiss Confederation

Federal Department of Economic Affairs,  
Education and Research EAER

**State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO**  
World Trade  
Free Trade Agreements / EFTA

## **EFTA Information from 04.06.2019: Retroactive reimbursement of customs duties**

The Philippines informed on 31 May 2019 about the entry into force of Customs Administrative Order 4-2019 which provides the legal basis to file for a refund of customs duties unduly levied in the period between the entry into force of the EFTA-Philippines FTA on 1 June 2018 and the date of effective implementation in the Philippines on 24 October 2018. Claims must be filed at the office of the District Collector where the duty was levied, within one year from the date of the payment of the duties. Approved claims for refund will be settled through tax credit certificates. Further information regarding the refund process can be obtained from the following contact point:

Mr. Emilio L. Jacinto  
Tax Credit Committee Secretariat Head  
Chief, Revenue Accounting Division  
Bureau of Customs  
Contact No.: +63 527-1570  
Email: [Emilio.Jacinto@customs.gov.ph](mailto:Emilio.Jacinto@customs.gov.ph)

<https://www.efta.int/free-trade/Free-Trade-Agreement/Philippines>