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| Subject: | Clarifications On The Mandatory Implementations of eZTS (Phase 2 - Interzone) On October 1, 2023 |
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| Attachments: | M.ONo2023-012-Clarifications-on-the-Mandatory-Implementation-of-EZTS- Phase-2-Interzone_2.pdf; GTSB for eZTS - Affidavit of Undertaking.docx; GTSB |
| | Application for the Zone Transfer Document.docx |



Dear Valued Client,

We hope this message finds you well. We wish to inform you of an important update regarding the implementation of the Electronic Zone Transfer System (eZTS) Phase 2 by the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA).

In accordance with the latest PEZA Memorandum Order 2023 – 012 dated September 25, 2023 issued today September 29, 2023, we would like to bring to your attention the following key points:

1. **Effective Date**: The mandatory implementation of eZTS Phase 2 for both Intrazone and Interzone transactions, including Indirect Export (IE), Permanent Transfer (PT), and Temporary Transfer (TT), is set to commence on October 1, 2023.

2. **Transitional Measures**: To ensure a smooth transition and minimize disruptions to the transfer and delivery of goods between PEZA-registered enterprises, the following measures will be observed:

a. All manually issued Letters of Authority (LOAs) with valid Surety Bonds issued before October 1, 2023, will remain valid until September 30, 2024. However, all transfers of goods under these LOAs must continue to be covered by a PEZA manual permit.

b. PEZA-registered enterprises (PREs) holding valid manual LOAs have the option to fully transition to eZTS Phase 2 by obtaining a new electronic LOA (eLOA) in the system. PREs choosing this option must submit a complete liquidation of their previous manual LOA to the PEZA zone office within 30 days of exercising this choice.

c. PREs will be required to post a Single General Transport Surety Bond (GTSB) as outlined in JMO No. 02-2015 and related BOC-CMOs. The filing of the GTSB should be supported by a PRE's sworn affidavit as provided in the mentioned JMO, along with the use of templates outlined in BOC-CMO No. 09-2023. A copy of the approved GTSM shall be distributed as per JMO provisions before uploading to the system operated by PEZAaccredited Value Added Service Providers (VASPs), including CDEC, e-Konek Pilipinas Inc., and INS. We strongly encourage all PREs to enroll with these PEZA-accredited VASPs for maximum efficiency. Enrolling with these VASPs is free of charge.

3. **Renewals:** Manual LOAs expiring on October 1, 2023, and thereafter will not be renewed. PREs handling resin materials, which will soon be incorporated into eZTS in October, may apply for an extension, considering the minimum period of the expiring LOA, issued from PEZA Head Office. Corresponding amendments to sub-LOAs should be submitted to the zone office if additional quantities are required.

4. **Full Implementation:** Following the transitional period outlined above, starting from **October 1, 2024**, all transactions by PREs must be conducted exclusively through the eZTS.

Please use the link to download the necessary documents for your reference: https://www.ekonek.com/download_files/main.php?project=eZTS

The documents available for download are:

- PEZA Memorandum Order 2023 012 Clarifications on the Mandatory Implementation of eZTS Phase 2 Interzone
- GTSB Application for the Zone Transfer Document
- GTSB for eZTS Affidavit of Undertaking

We sincerely appreciate your continued support and patronage. If you have any questions or require further assistance regarding this advisory, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring a seamless transition to the eZTS Phase 2.

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