



## **Tariff (Specified RCEP Parties—Philippines) Amendment Order 2023**

Rt Hon Dame Helen Winkelmann, Administrator of the Government

### **Order in Council**

At Wellington this 1st day of May 2023

Present:

Her Excellency the Administrator of the Government in Council

This order is made under section 7A(1)(bc) of the Tariff Act 1988 on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council.

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### **Order**

**1 Title**

This order is the Tariff (Specified RCEP Parties—Philippines) Amendment Order 2023.

**2 Commencement**

This order comes into force on 2 June 2023.

**3 Principal order**

This order amends the Tariff (Specified RCEP Parties) Order 2021.

**4 Schedule amended**

In the Schedule, after the item relating to Malaysia, insert:  
Philippines (2 June 2023)

Rachel Hayward,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

**Explanatory note**

*This note is not part of the order, but is intended to indicate its general effect.*

This order, which comes into force on 2 June 2023, amends the Tariff (Specified RCEP Parties) Order 2021 (the **principal order**). It declares the Philippines to be a specified party to the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (the **RCEP**) for the purposes of the Tariff Act 1988. The RCEP is a free trade agreement done at Hanoi, Vietnam, on 15 November 2020.

This order inserts the Philippines into the list of specified RCEP parties in the Schedule of the principal order with the date of 2 June 2023 next to it. That means that, on and from that date, the Philippines will be—

- a specified RCEP party (see clause 3(3) of the principal order); and
- entitled to preferential tariffs set under the Tariff Act 1988 in accordance with the RCEP.

The Philippines will also be a specified party for the purposes of the Customs and Excise Act 2018, under the Customs and Excise (Specified RCEP Parties) Order 2021, on and from 2 June 2023.

**Regulatory impact statement**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade produced an extended national interest analysis (that took the place of a regulatory impact statement) on 22 October 2020 to help inform the decisions taken by the Government relating to the RCEP.

A copy of the national interest analysis can be found at <https://www.mfat.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/RCEP-National-Interest-Analysis.pdf>.

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