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### **REVENUE MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 141-2019**

Reiterating the Salient Points Arising from RMC No. 14-16 on the Proper Execution of Waivers of the Defense of Prescription



### **Salient Features**

- 1. The Waiver is a unilateral and voluntary undertaking which shall take legal effect and be binding on the taxpayer immediately upon his execution thereof.
- 2. The type of taxes and the amount need not be specified. However, for waivers of the prescriptive period to collect, the types of taxes must be specified.
- 3. It is no longer required that the delegation of authority to a representative be in writing or notarized.
- 4. The taxpayer cannot seek to invalidate his Waiver by contesting the authority of his own representative.
- 5. It is the duty of the taxpayer to:
  - i. submit his Waiver to the specified BIR officials prior to the expiration of the period to assess of to collect, as the case may be.
  - ii. retain a copy of the submitted Waiver.

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#### **Salient Features**

- 6. The following BIR officials can accept a waiver:
  - i. ACIRs (Enforcement Service, Large Taxpayers Service, Legal Service, Assessment Service, Collection Service, as the case may be)
  - ii. Chiefs of the Large Taxpayers District Offices
  - iii. Regional Directors
  - iv. Revenue District Officers
  - v. Assistant Heads of the above offices
  - vi. Group Supervisor designated in the LOA/MOA
- 7. Date of acceptance by the BIR officer is no longer required to be indicated in the Waiver
- 8. Notarization is not a requirement for the Waiver's validity.

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- 9. The taxpayer is charged with the burden of ensuring that his Waiver is validly executed when submitted to the BIR. Thus, the taxpayer must ensure that his Waiver:
  - i. is executed before the expiration of the period to assess or to collect taxes.
  - ii. indicates the expiry date of the extended period.
  - iii. indicates the type of tax (for waivers of the prescriptive period to collect).
  - iv. is signed by his authorized representative
- 10. There is no strict format for the Waiver. The taxpayer may utilize any form with no effect on its validity.