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MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL DISTRICT COLLECTIONS
 ALL DEPUTY COLLECTOR FOR OPERATIONS
 ALL CHIEF, BONDS DIVISION, PID, CCD OR THEIR EQUIVALENT UNITS
 ALL WAREHOUSEMEN/CUSTOMS GUARD
 ALL CUSTOMS EXAMINER
 ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM : ~~ATTY. EDWARD JAMES A. DY BUCO~~
 Deputy Commissioner, AOCG

SUBJECT : AMENDED INTERM E-TRACC GUIDELINES FOR REEFER IMPORTATION

DATE : November 04, 2021

Pursuant to the Implementation of Customs Memorandum Order No. 04-2020, the collection districts and offices concerned are hereby directed to ensure that all importation of frozen meat, poultry and fish products and all agricultural products loaded in container van (reefer vans) shall adhere to the following guidelines:

General Guidelines:

1. Customs Memorandum Order 04-2020 - Section 4.3.5 Transfer of Shipments Subject for Further Verification and/or Monitoring shall mean that the transfer of reefer van from the Port of Discharge to Consignee Warehouse shall be sealed with Electronic Customs Seal is consistent with, Section 6 Electronic Customs Seal and Section 10 – Trip Booking of the CMO 04-2020.

Specific Guidelines:

- 1. Trip Booking** - Section 10.2.1 of CMO 04-2020 The importer/exporter or its authorized representative shall book the trip at least one (1) hour prior to exit from the port.
- 2. Certification of Space Availability** - In order to avoid the complexity of transferring reefer containers to DA designated cold storages which are of full

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capacity, the COOV of FED, or equivalent office, shall include the certification of space availability from the accredited cold storages as an additional requisite to the data needed to be check (CMO 04-2020 Section 10.7.3) before processing the goods declaration.

3. Mission Order(s) - The importer/exporter of its authorized representative of reefer containers may coordinate with PID Chief to assign customs guard and corresponding mission order to undertake the unsealing process.

4. Electronics GPS – Reefer containers shall be sealed with Electronics GPS after the 10% examination is conducted at the container yard. The affixing of Electronics Customs Seal must be in accordance with Section 4.7 of CMO 04-2020.

5. Unsealing – Upon arrival of containers at the destination, the assigned customs guard shall undertake the following the steps:

- Take visual evidence of the container showing the container number, Electronics Customs Seal is still intact, and the container seal from the shipping line;
- Transmit the information to PID or equivalent office for the approval of the end trip; and
- Once End Trip is authorized, the assigned Customs Guard shall manually remove the Electronics Customs Seal from the container.

6. Examination – After the unsealing, a 100% examination shall be immediate conducted by the assigned Customs examiner to be witnessed by representatives from BC and concerned regulating agencies from the Department of Agriculture.

7. Collection of GPS Devices – The disarmed electronic GPS unit shall collected to by the customs guard for turnover to the E-TRACC Team located in their respective ports.

This is effective immediately.

For strict compliance.

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