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CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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To: All Deputy Commissioners
All Directors and Division Chiefs
All District/Port Collectors
All Others Concerned

Subject: Placing on Alert Status All Importations of Chemicals for possible presence of Controlled Precursors and Essential Chemicals Used to Manufacture Dangerous Drugs

It is the policy of the State to safeguard the integrity of its territory and the well-being of its people from the harmful effects of dangerous drugs. The State needs to enhance further the efficacy of the law against dangerous drugs, it being one of today's more serious threats to the national development and security.

During the 31st Cabinet Meeting held on 6 November 2018, the President declared that he shall issue a Memorandum Circular directing the entire government machinery to mobilize their assets and take active role in the government's Anti-illegal Drug Campaign nationwide. He also authorized the activation of the National Anti-illegal Drug task Force composed of the personnel from the Philippine National Police, Armed Forces of the Philippines, Bureau of Customs (BOC), Philippine Coast Guard, and other agencies of the government. The Task Force is envisioned to provide the necessary personnel complement to implement the directive of the President to the BOC to stop the flow of illegal drugs into the country.

Upon the request of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), all importations of chemicals are hereby placed on alert status and shall be subjected to non-intrusive inspection for possible presence of Controlled Precursors and Essential Chemicals (CPEC) used to manufacture dangerous drugs, in diluted, mixtures or in concentrated form, as well as packaging, repackaging, labeling, relabeling or concealment of such chemicals through fraud, destruction of documents, fraudulent use of permits, misdeclaration, use of front companies or mail fraud.

Importation of chemicals by multinational and other companies with duly issued permits from the PNP and PDEA are exempt from this Order, without prejudice to the issuance of an Alert Order on a case to case basis when the situation so warrants.

You are further directed to use all lawful means and accepted procedures to determine such chemicals and substances to be subjected for verification.

For strict compliance.


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