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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS

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CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 27-2018

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

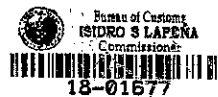
Subject: MOA Between BOC and PEZA

Attached is the MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT entered into by this Bureau and the Philippine Economic Zone Authority to jointly formulate and implement appropriate programs, systems and procedures in order to continue with the Reform and Modernization of BOC-PEZA operations.

For your information and guidance.

For record purposes, please confirm the dissemination of this circular throughout your offices within fifteen (15) days from receipt hereof.

Isidro S. Lapeña
ISIDRO S LAPEÑA, PhD, CSEE
Commissioner



JAN 31 2018

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- and -

The **PHILIPPINE ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY** represented herein by its **Director General, BGen. CHARITO B. PLAZA MNSA PhD**, with office address at Building 5, DOE Compound, Rizal Drive, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City, hereinafter referred to as "PEZA".

WITNESSETH THAT:

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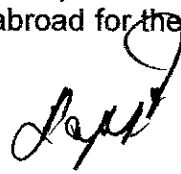
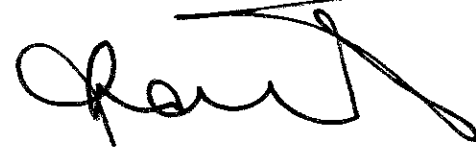
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WHEREAS, there is also a need to revisit those systems already covered by JMOs for the purpose of improving on the technologies supporting the same and improving on their performances;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises, and the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, the above parties hereby mutually agree as follows:

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3. Undertake a comparative study between the Philippine special economic zones' operational procedures on movement of goods and the counterpart special economic zones abroad for the purpose of generating ways and means to make the regulatory


environment for special economic zones in the Philippines as good as, if not better than, others in the region;

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5. Designate specific BOC/PEZA units and point persons-in-charge to formulate and implement the appropriate programs, systems and procedures, corresponding orders, MOAs, and other issuances as needed within an agreed timeframe, the said designated BOC/PEZA units and point persons-in-charge to report directly to the BOC Commissioner and the PEZA Director General, respectively.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands on this _____ day of _____ 2018 in Manila, Philippines.

Bureau of Customs

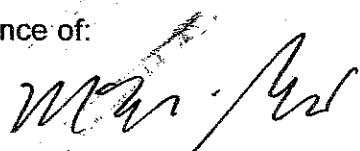

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 Commissioner

Philippine Economic Zone Authority


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 Director General

Signed in the presence of:


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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
CITY OF _____) S.S.

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public for and in the City of _____, personally appeared the following:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Identification Card No.</u>	<u>Date/Place Issued</u>
ISIDRO S. LAPEÑA In his capacity as Commissioner of BOC Drivers Liscence No. L02-74-015625 Davao City		
BGen. CHARITO B. PLAZA In her capacity as the Director General of PEZA Passport No. P3253942A 06-01-2017/ Manila		

All known to me to be the same persons who executed the foregoing Instrument, and who acknowledged to me that the same is their free and voluntary act and deed, as well as the free and voluntary act and deed of the entities represented herein.

This Instrument, which is a MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT, consists of three (3) pages including this page where the Acknowledgement is written, and is signed by the parties and their instrumental witnesses on each and every page thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL this 6 day of JAN 2018 at place first above written.

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