



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Finance
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS
1099 Manila

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CUSTOMS SPECIAL ORDER (CSO)
NO. 01-2018

**SUBJECT : CREATION OF INTERIM INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND INTEGRITY
UNIT UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER**

Pursuant to the Republic Act No. 10863 otherwise known as the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA), it is the policy of the state to protect and enhance government revenues and institute professionalism and meritocracy in Customs Tax Administration. Pursuant to Republic Act 6713, otherwise known as the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees; Republic Act No. 3019 otherwise known as the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act; and Republic Act No. 9485, otherwise known as the Anti-Red Tape Act (ARTA), it is the policy of the state to promote a high standard of public service, repress certain acts of public officers which constitute graft or corrupt practices and improve efficiency in the delivery of service to the public.

Section 1. Creation of Interim Internal Affairs and Integrity Unit. In the exigency of Service as well as in compliance with the marching order of the President to stop corruption in the Bureau of Customs, and in view of the above stated policy, there is hereby created an Interim Internal Affairs and Integrity Unit under the Office of the Commissioner.

Section 2. Functions. Interim Internal Affairs and Integrity Unit shall perform the following duties and responsibilities by authority of the Commissioner of Customs:

- 2.1. Investigate complaints against BOC personnel, receive and gather evidence in support of an open investigation;
- 2.2. Conduct motu proprio investigation on incidents where evidence in the prosecution of smuggling cases was compromised, tampered with, obliterated, or lost while in the custody of BOC personnel;
- 2.3. Conduct lifestyle checks on BOC personnel.

2.4. Evaluate or recommend the filing of appropriate criminal cases against BOC personnel before the court as evidence warrants and assist in the prosecution of the case;

2.5. Undertake liaison work, coordination and provide assistance to the Office of the Ombudsman, National Anti-Corruption Commission of the Office of the President (OP) and the Revenue Integrity Protection Service (RIPS) of the Department of Finance (DOF);

2.6. Submit monthly/annual accomplishment reports and periodic reports on specific programs or activities to the Commissioner;

2.7. Perform such other tasks as directed by the Commissioner.

SECTION 3. Administrative Provisions

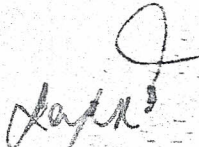


3.1. Personnel. The Interim Internal Administration Group shall recommend the personnel complement of the Internal Affairs and Integrity Unit, provided that it shall consist of: i. at least one organic Attorney; ii. at least two (3) special investigators; iii. at least three (6) administrative staff

3.2. Office Location. This Unit shall temporarily hold office at the Office of the Commissioner adjacent room, Bureau of Customs, Manila.

3.2 Funding. The funding requirement for their operations shall be sourced from the applicable budget as certified by the Financial Management Office while their logistical requirements shall be provided in coordination with the General Services Division, both of the Internal Administration Group.

SECTION 4. Repeal and Separability Clause. All other previously issued customs orders, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Order are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly. Likewise, should any provision of this Order be declared invalid, other provisions unaffected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 5. Effectivity. This CSO shall take effect immediately.



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