



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS
MANILA

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CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM ORDER
No. 32-93

Subject - Procedure in the verification of SGS -
sealed shipments

I. OBJECTIVES:

1. To insure proper identification of containerized shipments with tampered SGS bullet or wire seal;
2. To insure that appropriate and immediate reports are submitted to the Office of the Commissioner and the Bureau's law enforcement units on the existence of tampered or fake SGS seals;

II. GENERAL PROVISIONS:

1. It shall be the joint responsibility of Customs Inspectors and guards assigned on board a vessel to inspect the seals of all containers discharged and to submit a report on the following:
 - a. The container numbers of all those with SGS seals and the numbers of the seals;
 - b. Whether or not the SGS-seal on the containers are intact or has visible signs of tampering.
 - c. Take SGS seals and the numbers of the containers to which they are attached.
2. In performing the function described in 1b above, the hereinabove mentioned Customs personnel must carefully check the SGS-seals and subject the SGS-seals to pulling, twisting or other tests for the purpose of determining whether the SGS seals have been tampered and/or just reattached. They must be completely familiar with genuine SGS seals to be able to identify fake ones.

3. In addition to the above control measures, it shall be the duty of the assigned Customs wharfinger in the performance of their functions as prescribed in part III, par. E (1 & 2) of CMO 96 - 92, to conduct a close examination of SGS-seals as described in 2 above prior to delivery of any container with SGS seals.

4. Any discovery of the existence of the containers with tampered SGS-seals must be immediately reported to the action officers of the Office of the Commissioner, CIIS and ESS.

5. Offices concerned must immediately designate action officers and inform the Piers and Inspection Division Office.

III. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE:

This Order shall take effect immediately.


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Commissioner