



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS
MANILA


April 7, 1992

CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM ORDER
NO. 65-92

SUBJECT: Adoption of SGS Seals used in the
Comprehensive Import Supervision
Service (CISS) for the Philippines
as Customs Seals.

Pursuant to Section 551 of the Revised Administrative Code of the Philippines in relation to Section 608 of the Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines, as amended, and Joint Order No. 1 of the Department of Finance, all SGS seals presently used in the protection of the integrity of the pre-shipment inspection conducted by the SGS at the ports of exportation, and those to be designed and used heretofore, are hereby adopted as Customs seals upon their arrival at any port of entry in the Philippines. Hence, the removal, breakage or alteration of such seals shall subject the offender(s) to the penal provisions of Section 3607 of the Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines, as amended.

This Order shall take effective immediately.


TOMAS V. APACIBLE
Commissioner



DISPOSITION FORM

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ENFORCEMENT AND SECURITY SERVICES

FOR: The Commissioner of Customs

FROM: The Acting Chief, ESS

THRU: The Deputy Commissioner, IEG

SUBJECT: SGS SFALS

DATE: 06 April 1992

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SUMMARY:

1. The Commissioner of Customs expressed concern/apprehension on the possibilities of persons/groups tampering, mutilating or removing SGS seals to sabotage the effective implementation/integrity of the CISS Globalization Program, during the last Staff meeting on Tuesday (31 March 1992).
2. Two (2) provisions of the Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines, as amended, speak of customs seals, to wit:
 - 2.1. " SEC. 3606. Affixing Seals. - Any person who, without authority, affixes or attaches a customs seal, fastening, or mark, or any seal fastening, or mark purporting to be a customs seal, fastening or mark to any vessel, vehicle on land, sea or air, warehouse or package, shall be punished with a fine of not more than twenty thousand pesos or imprisonment of not more than five years, or both. If the offender is an alien, he shall be deported after serving the sentence; and if he is a public official or employee, he shall suffer an additional penalty of perpetual disqualification to hold public office, to vote and to participate in any election."
 - 2.2. " SEC. 3607. Removal, Breakage, Alteration of Marks. - Any person who without authority, wilfully removes, breaks, injures, or defaces or alters any customs seal or other fastening or mark placed upon a vessel, vehicle on land, sea or air, warehouse or package containing merchandise or baggage in bond or in customs custody, shall be punished with the penalty prescribed in Section thirty-six hundred six hereof."

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