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NO. 226-2017

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

**Subject: PDEA's Operational Directives In Line With OP Memo Order
No. 17**

Attached is the letter dated December 15, 2017 of Director General Aaron N. Aquino, Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency endorsing a copy of their Memorandum Circular No. 2017-044 entitled: **"OPERATIONAL DIRECTIVES IN LINE WITH MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 17 ISSUED BY THE PRESIDENT DIRECTING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO RESUME PROVIDING ACTIVE SUPPORT TO THE PHILIPPINE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN THE CONDUCT OF ANTI-ILLEGAL DRUG OPERATIONS."**

For your information and guidance.

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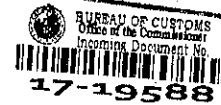
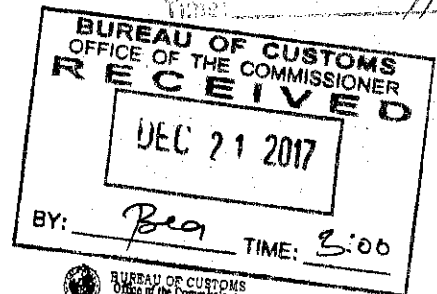
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COMMISSIONER ISIDRO S LAPEÑA

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Dear **COMMISSIONER LAPEÑA**:

This has reference to the resumption of PNP and other Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) in the conduct of anti-drug operations pursuant to the Memorandum Order No. 17 Issued by the President Directing the Philippine National Police and Other Law Enforcement Agencies to Resume Providing Active Support to the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency in the Conduct of Anti-Illegal Drug Operations signed on December 5, 2017.

Attached herewith is a copy of the PDEA Memorandum Circular No. 2017-044 that embodies the Operational Directives which define the role of Other Law Enforcement Agencies in providing active support to Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency.

Thank you very much. We look forward to your continued cooperation in the fight against illegal drugs.

Very truly yours,

AARON N AQUINO
Director General, PDEA





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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NUMBER 2017- 044**

TO : ALL PDEA REGIONAL DIRECTORS, SERVICE DIRECTORS, AND CHIEFS OF OFFICES

SUBJECT : OPERATIONAL DIRECTIVES IN LINE WITH MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 17 ISSUED BY THE PRESIDENT DIRECTING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO RESUME PROVIDING ACTIVE SUPPORT TO THE PHILIPPINE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN THE CONDUCT OF ANTI-ILLEGAL DRUG OPERATIONS

1. REFERENCES:

- 1.1 Republic Act 9165 otherwise known as the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002 and its IRR; and
- 1.2 Memorandum Order No. 17 Issued by The President Directing the Philippine National Police and Other Law Enforcement Agencies to Resume Providing Active Support to the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency in the Conduct of Anti-Illegal Drug Operations.

2. BACKGROUND:

2.1 On December 5, 2017, the President ordered the Philippine National Police, National Bureau of Investigation, Armed Forces of the Philippines, Bureau of Customs, Philippine Postal Corporation and existing anti-illegal drug task forces to resume in providing active support to the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) in the conduct of anti-illegal drug operations.

3. PURPOSE

3.1 These Operational Directives shall define the role of OLEAs in providing active support to PDEA and shall serve as guide to PDEA Operating Units and Offices in aligning their decisions, actions and strategies in compliance with the President's directive.

4. OPERATIONAL DIRECTIVES

In view of the recent order by the President, all anti-drug operating units shall comply with the following:

4.1 Intelligence Operations

- 4.1.1 Intensify the conduct of intelligence operations;
- 4.1.2 Conduct of intelligence operations shall be properly coordinated with National Operations Center or Regional Operations Center, as appropriate;
- 4.1.3 Conduct Regular Validation Workshops with other law enforcement and other concerned agencies (PNP, NBI, AFP, NICA);
- 4.1.4 Provide the official copy of consolidated list of drug personalities to concerned law enforcement agencies for the uniformity of list;
- 4.1.5 Closely coordinate with other law enforcement agencies for the regular updates on the list of drug personalities.

4.2 Negation Operations

- 4.2.1 Intensify the conduct of negation operations with the support of OLEAs;
- 4.2.2 Anti-Illegal Drugs Units of PNP, NBI, BOC and Other Law Enforcement Agencies are authorized to conduct anti-drug operations, provided that, planned anti-drug operations shall be properly coordinated with PDEA.

In cases of in flagrante delicto operations by OLEAs, reports shall be submitted to respective Regional Office for monitoring and evaluation;

- 4.2.3 PDEA shall be present, as far as practicable, in the anti-drug operations of OLEAs; however, PDEA's presence shall be mandatory in the conduct of high-impact operations (HIOs) and operations against high-value targets (HVTs) by OLEAs;
- 4.2.4 Joint anti-drug operations may be conducted, provided however that, PDEA shall be the lead and OLEAs shall be support units;

Roles of operating units (PDEA-initiated or OLEA-initiated operation) in the conduct of joint anti-drug operations shall also be clearly stated and reflected in the operational reports;

4.3 Post Operations

- 4.3.1 In areas where there are no PDEA forensic laboratories, PNP Crime Laboratories are authorized to accept, conduct qualitative and quantitative examinations on the pieces of evidence submitted by PDEA to comply with the reglementary period pursuant to Article 124 of the Revised Penal Code and to preserve the integrity of evidence pursuant to Section 21 Article II of RA 9165, amended by Republic Act 10640;
- 4.3.2 In the absence of PDEA Detention Facilities, PNP Custodial Facilities shall temporarily accommodate the arrested drug personalities of PDEA pending issuance of Commitment Order issued by the proper authorities;
- 4.3.4 Ensure proper preparation of affidavits and other pertinent documents regarding the filing of drug cases;
- 4.3.5 Conduct financial investigation on high-value targets and recommend the same to AMLC;
- 4.3.6 Conduct joint investigations, as far as practicable, with PNP and NBI on conducted operations with further investigative holdings/interest or concerns;

4.4 Other Operational Directives

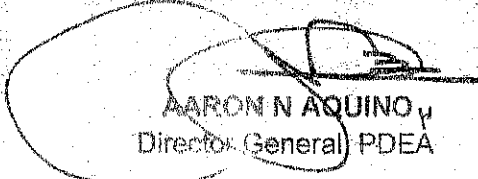
- 4.4.1 In coordination with PNP, vetting for members of PNP Drug Enforcement Units shall be conducted;
- 4.4.2 PDEA National Oversight Committee on Anti-Drug Operations shall be organized to supervise and evaluate the anti-drug accomplishments of operating units;
- 4.4.3 Proper coordination with PNP territorial units should be made in the conduct of anti-drug operations to avoid misencounter between PNP members and PDEA operatives;
- 4.4.4 To ensure air-tight cases, as far as practicable, use of body cameras is encouraged and media should be invited to cover anti-drug operations especially for high-impact operations;
- 4.4.5 Resume and continue the implementation of Barangay Drug Clearing Program pursuant to *DDB Regulation No. 3, Series of 2017*;
- 4.4.6 Intensify the Advocacy Campaign;

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- 4.4.7 All government efforts shall be coordinated through ICAD, hence, strengthen collaboration with the members of Enforcement, Justice, Advocacy, Rehabilitation and Reintegration clusters of ICAD in respective AOR;
- 4.4.8 Closely monitor the submission of operational reports (Spot/Progress Reports) by OLEAs;
- 4.4.9 Uphold the Constitutional Law and other laws in the conduct of anti-drug operations;
- 4.4.10 Anti-drug operating units shall comply with the existing guidelines or policies pursuant to Republic Act 9165;

5. EFFECTIVITY

- 5.1 This shall take effect immediately


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