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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS
1099 MANILA

MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL DISTRICT COLLECTORS

**SUBJECT : MANDATORY X-RAY EXAMINATION OF ALL
CONTAINERIZED CARGOES BOUND TO CUSTOMS
BONDED WAREHOUSES**

DATE : 14 September 2017

In the midst of the intensified efforts being put forth by the Bureau to curb smuggling of goods and as an additional measure to ensure conduct of secure trade, you are hereby directed to subject to mandatory x-ray examination all containerized cargoes consigned and bound to customs bonded warehouses.

For strict compliance.

ISIDRO S. LAPEÑA, PhD, CSEE
Commissioner



SEP 22 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMISSIONER

FROM : Atty. EDWARD JAMES A. DY BUCO
Deputy Commissioner
Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group

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CONTAINERIZED CARGOES BOUND TO CUSTOMS BONDED
WAREHOUSES

DATE : 14 September 2017

REFERENCE:

This is in view of the additional measures deemed necessary to further ensure secure trade activities for importations made under customs bonded warehouse mode.

BACKGROUND:

1. It has been observed that containerized cargoes imported through the customs bonded warehouse mode with "red" selectivity have not undergone the mandatory 100% x-ray examination.
2. To avoid delay in releasing, the square root rule is instead being practiced.

ISSUE:

There is a growing concern that the square root rule while it facilitates trade, may give smugglers an avenue to conduct illicit trade under warehousing, therefore the Commissioner needs to address this concern by issuing a memorandum requiring the mandatory x-ray examination of all containerized cargoes consigned and bound to bonded warehouses.


GROUP / DIVISION / COLLECTION DISTRICT / COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The immediate issuance of this memorandum is necessary to ensure that the customs bonded warehouse shall not be used for smuggling and illegal trade.

RECOMMENDATION:

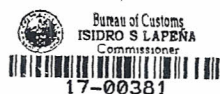
Should the Commissioner agree, attached for his signature is the draft memorandum on the matter.

For the Commissioner's consideration.


Atty. EDWARD JAMES A. DY BUCO
Deputy Commissioner
Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group

APPROVED/ DISAPPROVED:


ISIDRO S. LAPENA, PhD, CSEE
Commissioner



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