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CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM ORDER
No. 28-2010

SUBJECT: Client Registration under ACOS of PEZA-Registered/ Economic Zone Locator/Enterprises and CDC/ SBMA/ AFAB-Registered Freeport Zone Locator/Enterprises

1. OBJECTIVES
To ensure continuous access in the lodgement of Customs Declarations by PEZA-registered/economic zone locators/enterprises and CDC/ SBMA/ AFAB-registered locator/enterprises which remain in good standing with their respective Authorities and unless suspended by the Commissioner on account of verified derogatory information.

2. SCOPE
This Order shall govern the Client Record Management of economic and freeport zone locators under ACOS, as required in the processing of Customs Declarations, pending complete replacement of ACOS by e2m Customs.

3. GENERAL PROVISIONS
a. In view of the requirement of registration imposed by PEZA and CDC/SBMA/AFAB before enterprises are allowed to locate/operate within their respective economic and freeport zones and their duty to strictly monitor the operations and performance of these locator/enterprises, these Authorities shall be primarily responsible in assuring Customs that their registered locator/enterprises faithfully comply with all applicable existing and future Customs rules and regulations.

b. Considering that Section 3.3 of CMO 23-09 exempts economic and freeport zone locators/enterprises from the registering with the Customs Accreditation Secretariat (CAS), BOC shall grant ACOS registration to economic and freeport zone locator/enterprises duly endorsed by PEZA, CDC, SBMA and AFAB as locator/enterprises of good standing. For this purpose, BOC shall give the economic/ freeport zone locator/enterprises access to ACOS in lodging their Custom Declarations provided their respective Authorities certify their good standing and provided further that these locator/enterprises are not suspended or cancelled by the Bureau of Customs on account of verified derogatory information.
4. OPERATIONAL PROVISIONS

a. Client Record of Economic/Freeport Zone Locator/Enterprises for Uploading in ACOS:

PEZA, CDC, SBMA and AFAB shall each submit to the Commissioner of Customs a complete list of their registered economic/freeport zone locator enterprises of good standing within 15 days from the effectivity of this Order, which list shall contain the following information:

i. Economic Zone / Freeport Zone name
ii. Name of the Enterprise
iii. Address inside the economic/freeport zone location
iv. Tax Identification Number (TIN)
v. Registration number with the Authority
vi. Nature of registered activity (e.g., manufacturing, trading, service-provider, etc.)
vii. Business Contact Information
viii. Telephone number.
ix. Facsimile number
x. E-mail address

b. Uploading of Client Record of Economic/Freeport Zone Locator/Enterprises in ACOS:

Upon compliance with the immediately preceeding provision, the Commissioner shall transmit to the MISTG the submitted list of locators/enterprises. MISTG shall, in turn, upload in the ACOS the Client Record of the economic and freeport zone locator/enterprises.

MISTG shall assign a generic warehouse code for each enterprise record based on the economic zone / freeport zone where the enterprise is located.

c. Removal of an Economic/Freeport Zone Locator Enterprise from its Authority’s List of Locator Enterprises of Good Standing:

Whenever required by the circumstances, PEZA, CDC, SBMA and AFAB shall formally advise the BOC to remove a locator/enterprise from the Authority’s List of Locator/Enterprises of good standing, stating therein the reason for such removal, within 5 working days from the effectivity of the removal.

In the event PEZA, CDC, SBMA or AFAB fails to inform the Bureau of such removal when circumstances so require, the Authority shall be jointly responsible for any activity perpetrated by the locator/enterprise.

d. Suspension of ACOS Up-loaded Client Records of Economic/Freeport Zone Locator Enterprises:
MISTG shall suspend the Client Record of an economic/freeport zone locator/enterprise, which has been up-loaded in ACOS, upon receipt of formal advice from its registering economic/freeport zone Authority to suspend the locator/enterprise from the Authority's List of Locators/Enterprises of good standing. Suspension may also be initiated motu proprio by the Commissioner on account of verified derogatory information.

e. Maintenance and Effectivity of ACOS Up-loaded Client Records of Economic/Freeport Zone Locator Enterprises:

Client Record of economic/freeport zone locators/enterprises which have been up-loaded in the ACOS shall be maintained and shall remain effective unless removed or suspended, as the case may be. For purposes of keeping the record of the BOC updated, the Authority shall submit within the first 5 days of the year a list of locator/enterprises operating within its jurisdiction and in good standing.

5. REPELLING CLAUSE

All Customs Memoranda, Orders, circulars and issuances inconsistent with this Order or any of its provisions are hereby repealed, modified or superseded.

6. EFFECTIVITY

This Order shall take effect immediately.

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Commissioner