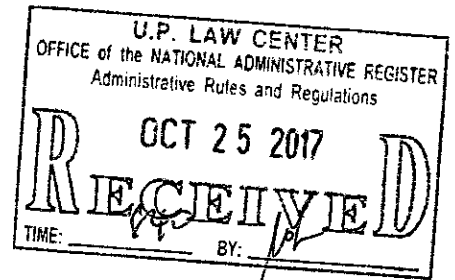




Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Finance  
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS  
Manila

**OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER**



October 23, 2017

**CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM ORDER**  
**NO. 25-2017**

**SUBJECT: MANUAL UNTAGGING OF X-RAYED SHIPMENTS WHICH ARE NOT SUSPECTED TO CONTAIN SMUGGLED OR ANTI-SOCIAL GOODS.**

Pursuant to the mandate of the Customs Modernization And Tariff Act of 2016 for the Bureau of Customs to facilitate trade without compromising its border control and anti-smuggling functions, the following guidelines on the manual untagging of x-rayed shipments at the X-Ray Inspection Project's Port of Manila and Manila International Container Port Field Offices are hereby promulgated:

**Section 1. OBJECTIVES:**

- 1.1. To facilitate the clearance of legitimate imported goods at the Port of Manila and Manila International Container Port.
- 1.2. To set guidelines for the untagging process of containers subject of multiple container importation with no suspected content.
- 1.3. To hold the entire shipment of multiple containers found to contain smuggled or anti-social goods.

**Section 2. COVERAGE:**

This Order shall cover the X-Ray Inspection Project Port of Manila and Manila International Container Port Field Offices.

**Section 3. OPERATIONAL PROVISIONS:**

3.1. Multiple container importations tagged to undergo x-ray scanning procedure at the XIP-POM and MICP Field Offices would be subjected to x-ray inspection using the square root rule.

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3.2. If any container within the square root rule is found to contain any suspected items, all the containers subject of the entire shipment shall undergo 100% physical examination or be issued an Alert Order.

3.3. If the containers subject of the square root rule is found to be in order using the non-intrusive scanning system, the remaining containers shall be immediately manually untagged for release by the respective authorized untagger from each Field Office.

3.4. Single container importations which are subject to x-ray scanning shall henceforth be immediately untagged after the x-ray findings are analyzed and found to be in order. However, if found to contain suspected items, they shall be marked for verification and be subjected to 100% examination or the issuance of an Alert Order.

**Section 4. REPEALING CLAUSE:**

All Orders, memoranda, circulars or parts thereof relative to the operation of x-ray scanning at the Port of Manila and Manila International Container Port are hereby deemed repealed and/or modified accordingly.

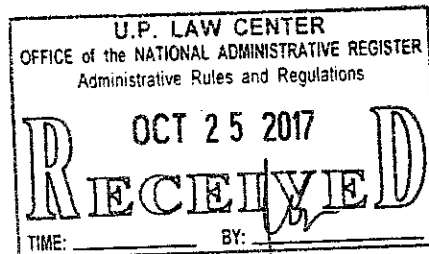
**Section 5. EFFECTIVITY:**

This Order shall take effect immediately.

**ISIDRO S. LAPEÑA, PhD., CSEE**  
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