



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS
MANILA

1 August 1991

CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 70-91

**TO: All District Collectors
The Division Chiefs
All Others Concerned**

**SUBJECT: Revised Procedures on the issuance of NOTICE
OF DECLARATION OF ABANDONMENT**

I. OBJECTIVES

1. To revise procedures in the declaration of abandonment of shipments not entered within the prescribed period at the major ports of entry.
2. To delegate the functions of the District Collector to the Chief, Entry Processing Division relative to the declaration of abandonment, as well as the lifting thereof.
3. To establish the responsibility in expediting the disposition of abandoned/overstaying shipments.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The Entry Processing Division shall be held responsible for the timely and accurate reporting of overstaying cargoes after the lapse of the prescribed period, as provided for under Section 1801 of the TCCP, as amended, thru the daily submission of reports.

III. OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

1. Entry Processing Division (EPD) shall:
 - a. Identify and prepare the list of shipments not entered within the prescribed period.
 - b. Sign and issue the NOTICE OF DECLARATION OF ABANDONMENT for the District Collector.
 - c. Transmit to the Administrative Division the NOTICE OF DECLARATION OF ABANDONMENT for mailing and/or personal service to the parties concerned.

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- d. Post the copy of the same for fifteen (15) working days at the Bulletin Boards accessible to the public in cases where claimant or claimant's address is unknown.
- e. Perform all appropriate procedural steps pertaining to the subject shipment, including the lifting of the Declaration of Abandonment within the reglementary grace period allowed for the importer to reclaim the shipment, as provided for under Section 1803 of the TCCP, as amended.
- f. Submit to the Deputy Collector for Operations the list of shipments, the declaration of abandonment of which are already considered final and executory, due to claimants' failure to reclaim the same within the one (1) month period from notice as prescribed by Section 1803, copy furnished the Director, POS and the Chief, ACDD.

2. Administrative Division shall;

- a. Be responsible for the proper transmittal/service of the Notice of Declaration of Abandonment to the consignees concerned.
- b. Submit to the EPD the report on transmittal together with proofs of service.

3. Auction and Cargo Disposal Division shall;

Upon advise of EPD of the finality of abandonment, perform appropriate disposition of said cargoes.

IV. REPEALING CLAUSE

CMD No. 42-91 and all memorandum orders in conflict with the provisions of this order are hereby deemed modified and/or repealed accordingly.

V. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE

This order shall take effect August 1, 1991.

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