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CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
No. 206 - 2019

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

SUBJECT: List of authorized representatives of the Department of Social Welfare and Development who are authorized to liaise/transact and facilitate the release of consignments, foreign donations or importations and the transfer of forfeited, seized or abandoned goods

Attached is a letter dated August 1, 2019 of Rolando Joselito D. Bautista, Secretary, Department of Social Welfare and Development, informing this Bureau of the list of authorized representatives of the Department of Social Welfare and Development who are authorized to liaise/transact and facilitate the release of consignments, foreign donations or importations as and the transfer of forfeited, seized or abandoned goods pursuant to Section 1149 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act.

For your information and guidance.

Please confirm the dissemination of this circular throughout your offices within fifteen (15) days from receipt hereof.

REY LEONARDO B. GUERRERO
Commissioner

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COMMISSIONER REY LEONARDO B. GUERRERO
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Dear **Commissioner Guerrero:**

The undersigned hereby submits to the Bureau of Customs (BoC) the authorized representatives of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) who will liaise/transact with your office to facilitate the release of consignments/foreign donations/importations, as well as the transfer of forfeited/seized/abandoned goods, pursuant to Section 1149 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act. This is to prevent the unscrupulous transactions and misrepresentations on the part of DSWD.

Attached hereto are pictures and specimen signatures of the said DSWD representatives for your reference:

NAME	POSITION	OFFICE	SPECIAL DESIGNATION
EUNICE A. ANGCAO	Administrative Officer III	Resource Management Division – National Resource and Logistics Management Bureau (RMD-NRLMB)	Principal Signatory (for Gate Pass and Boat Note)
ELMA C. PILLE	Administrative Officer V	Donation Management Section - NRLMB	Donations Focal Person
MARK POUL B. AGNER	Administrative Officer III	Donation Management Section - NRLMB	Liason Officer/ Authorized Representative/Donation Focal Person
JESREL J. MIGRATO	Administrative Officer I	Donation Management Section - NRLMB	Liason Officer/ Authorized Representative
CLAUDIO B. NADAL JR.	Chief Administrative Officer	National Resource and Logistics Management Bureau	Warehouse Chief

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All documents pertaining to acceptance and/or transfer of donations from the BoC will be signed by the undersigned or in the absence of the latter, the aforesaid authorized representative/s.

For urgent inquiries, verifications and other matters pertaining to the abovementioned matter, you may coordinate with Ms. Pille and Mr. Agner through telephone numbers 355-28-49 or 931-81-01 to 07 local 401.

Very truly yours,

ROLANDO JOSELITO D. BAUTISTA
Secretary

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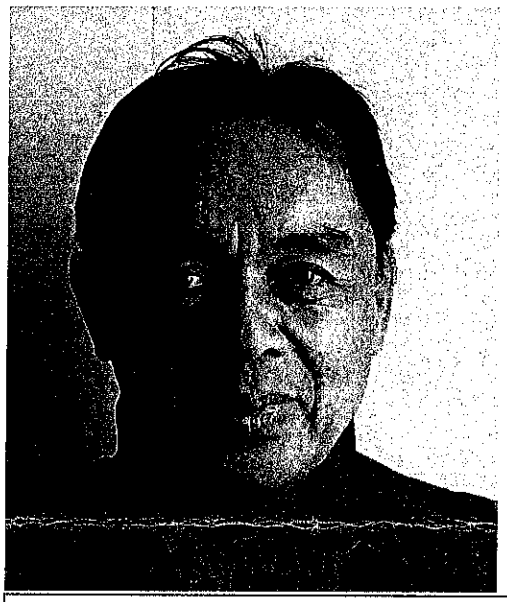
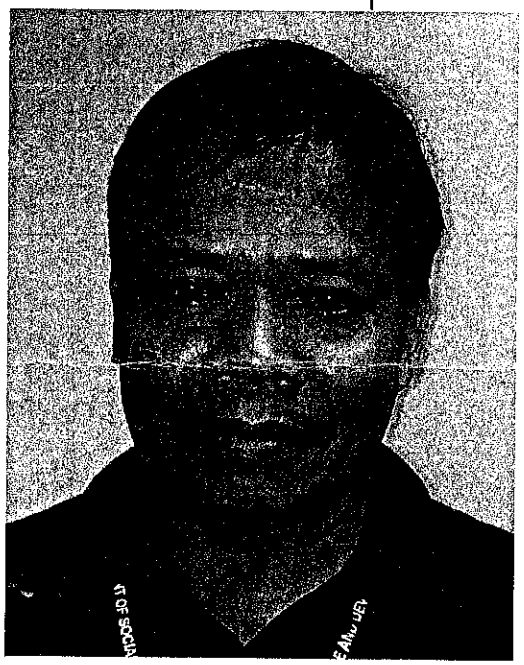
MS. EUNICE A. ANGCAO



MR. CLAUDIO B. NADAL JR.



MR. JESREL J. MIGRATO

MR. MARK POUL B. AGNER

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MEMORANDUM FROM THE SECRETARY

To: ALL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES
Central and Field Offices

Subject: REITERATION OF POLICY ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF LOCAL DONATIONS FROM THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS

Date: July 24, 2019

The moratorium on the acceptance of forfeited/abandoned/seized used clothing donation/transfer from the Bureau of Customs pursuant to Presidential Memorandum Order No. 23 and Section 1149 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act as stated in the Memoranda dated 8 August 2011 and 8 May 2012 is hereby reiterated. This memorandum is necessary to ensure that the Department will not be used by unscrupulous elements that take advantage of their familiarity with the procedures at the BOC to perpetrate their illegal operations. Also, DSWD supports the implementation of Republic Act No. 4653. We will source our requirements for disaster operations from our stockpile and current budget.

All documents and processes on this matter shall be referred to the Office of the Secretary for assessment and appropriate action.

For everyone's guidance.

ROLANDO JOSELITO D. BAUTISTA

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MEMORANDUM FROM THE SECRETARY

To : ALL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES
Central and Field Offices

Subject : DONATIONS FROM THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS

Date : 08 AUGUST 2011

In view of the urgent need to do an inventory and review existing policies and procedures relative to the processing of goods that are turned over by the Bureau of Customs (BOC) to the Department pursuant to section 2630 of the Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines (TCCP),[1] R.A. No. 4653,[2] Presidential Memorandum Order No. 23, s. 1992,[3] Presidential Memorandum Order No. 36, s. 1992,[4] there is hereby declared a moratorium on the acceptance of donated/forfeited goods from the BOC.

All documents and processes on this matter shall be referred to the Office of the Secretary for assessment and appropriate action.

For everyone's guidance.

CORAZON JULIANO-SOLIMAN

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[1] Sec. 2630. Disposition of Unsold Articles. [illegible] provides that "If the articles are fit for shipment consists of food stuffs, clothing materials or medicines, then the articles had be given to government charitable institutions through the DSWD."

[2] An Act to safeguard the Health of the people and maintain the Dignity of the Nation by declaring it a National Policy to prohibit the Commercial importation of used articles commonly known as Used Clothing and Rags. Provided that "it shall be unlawful for any person or corporation to introduce into any port of the Philippines used clothing and rags except when these are imported under sub-T Sec. 105 of RA No. 1937 "TCCP".

Provides for the "transfer of forfeited and/or abandoned used clothing in Customs custody to DSWD upon a the forfeiture decision of the BOC becomes final and executory."

"Authorizes the importation and donation of [illegible] equipment for use in government [illegible] and rehabilitation programs for calamity [illegible] of the TCCP. Also provides that the [illegible] insure the necessary clearances to cover the above-[illegible] importation upon the favourable endorsement by the DSWD with respect to used clothing and food, [illegible] with respect to medicines and the DND with respect to rehabilitation equipment as basis for [illegible] and other [illegible] of importation.

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MEMORANDUM FROM THE SECRETARY

To : ALL HEADS OF OFFICES, BUREAUS, SERVICES, UNITS
Central and Field Offices

Subject : REITERATION OF POLICY ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF FOREIGN DONATIONS AND LOCAL DONATIONS FROM THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS (BOC)

Date : 08 MAY 2012

To ensure transparency and promote efficient utilization of goods that are donated or coursed through the Department, the following instructions are hereby issued.

1. The moratorium on the acceptance of donations of used clothing and forfeited/abandoned/seized articles from the Bureau of Customs (BOC) pursuant to Presidential Memorandum Order (PMO) No. 23 and Section 2610 of the Revised Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines (TCCP), as stated in the Memorandum dated 28 August 2011 (*Annex A*) is hereby reiterated. This moratorium is necessary while we are reviewing our systems and procedures to ensure that the Department will not be used by unscrupulous elements that take advantage of their familiarity with the procedures of the BOC to perpetrate their illegal operations. We will source our requirements for disaster operations from our stockpile and current budget.

2. There is a no-tolerance policy on dealing with any individual or organization who is in any way or appears to be in any way connected with smuggling operations or commercial importation of used clothing ("ukay-ukay"). All DSWD personnel are hereby directed to report to the undersigned any encounter with such individuals or organizations. Any attempt to harass our personnel should likewise be reported to appropriate authorities for investigation.

3. Only the following donations may be processed or accepted by the DSWD:

   - Foreign donations to or for any duly registered, licensed or accredited social welfare and development agency pursuant to section 105 (h) of the TCCP

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- Foreign donations of food and clothing for use of government agencies in relief and rehabilitation during calamities pursuant to PMO No. [illegible]
- Foreign donations for DSWD under the General Appropriations Act (GAA) of CY 2012.

4. The Standards Bureau shall continue to provide assistance to registered, licensed or accredited social welfare and development agencies in the endorsement for duty free entry of foreign donations to such organizations. Private organizations that want to avail of duty free entry should be immediately informed of all legal and regulatory requirements and documents need to apply for registration to avail of this privilege.

5. All donations to the DSWD shall be processed by the Warehouse Management and Donations Facilitation Division under the Administrative Service pursuant to Memorandum Circular No. [illegible] series of 2012.

For everyone's guidance.

CORAZON JULIANO-SOLIMAN
Secretary