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BUREAU OF CUSTOMS

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**TO: ALL DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS
ALL DISTRICT & PORT COLLECTORS
ALL OTHER DIVISION CHIEFS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

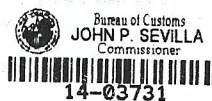
**SUBJECT: MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF FORFEITED USED
CLOTHING BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE
AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD)**

Pursuant to various requests to donate seized/forfeited used clothing from our ports to DSWD, please be informed that the declared Moratorium on the Acceptance of Forfeited Used Clothing, as stated in a Memorandum of the Honorable Secretary Corazon J. Soliman dated 08 August 2011, is still in force as of this date. Requests for donations shall be denied except for those with approved Deed of Donation and Acceptance prior to the issuance of this Customs Memorandum Circular (CMC).

For your information and guidance please see attached Memorandum from the Honorable Secretary Corazon J. Soliman and the letter from Mateo G. Montaño, Officer-in-Charge, DSWD dated 08 August 2011 and 22 September 2014, respectively.

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


JOHN P. SEVILLA
Commissioner



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COMMISSIONER JOHN P. SEVILLA

Bureau of Customs
Port Area, Manila



Dear Commissioner Sevilla:


This refers to your letter dated August 29, 2014 which was received on September 10, 2014 seeking clarification and guidance on the Department's declared moratorium on acceptance of forfeited used clothing from the Bureau of Customs so you will be guided in the preparation of necessary documents for the 21 bales and 103 sacks of used clothing found during the inventory at the port of Zamboanga.

The department has not lifted its moratorium on acceptance of forfeited/abandoned used clothing from the Bureau of Customs except for those used clothing which already has signed Deed of Donation and Acceptance.

We hope this clarifies your query.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


MATEO G. MONTAÑO
Officer-In-Charge

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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 2610 of the Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines (Act No. 1933), Presidential Memorandum Order No. 23, s. 1992,² Presidential Memorandum Order No. 36, s. 1992,³ 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


MYRA H. REYES

Section 10. Disposition of Unsold Articles for Want of Bidders. Provides that "If the article is suitable for shelter or articles of food stuffs, clothing materials and medicines, then the article shall be given to government charitable institutions through the DSWD."
"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 textile Articles Commonly Known as Used Clothing and Rags. It shall be unlawful for any person, association or corporation to introduce into any point in the Philippines used clothing and rags except when these are imported under par. 'f' Sec. 105 of RA No. 1933, TCCP. It provides for the "transfer of forfeited and/or abandoned used clothing in Customs custody to DSWD as soon as the forfeiting decision (of the BOC) becomes final and executory."
"It encourages the importation and donation of food, clothing, medicine and equipment for use in government relief and rehabilitation programs for calamity-affected areas under sec. 105 of the TCCP. Also provides that the OP shall issue the necessary clearances to cover the aforesaid importations upon the favourable endorsement by the OP with respect to relief clothing and food, DOH with respect to medicines and the DND with respect to rehabilitation equipment, as basis for the BOC to process and effect the release of importations

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