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Bureau of Customs
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CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 177-2015

To: All Deputy Commissioners
All Directors
All District and Support Collectors
And Others Concerned

SUBJECT: MOU Entered by this Bureau and DHL Express

Attached is the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated December 11, 2015 entered by this Bureau and the DHL Express Phils. Corp. relative to their collaboration to enhance Anti-Smuggling Strategies and Techniques and also, to align Procedures in the Clearance of Air Express Consignments with internationally accepted best practices.

For your information and guidance.

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


ALBERTO D. LINA
Commissioner



DEC 14 2015

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding is made and executed this DEC 1 of 2015, 2015 in the City of Manila, by and between:

BUREAU OF CUSTOMS, a government agency attached to the Department of Finance, represented in this act by the Commissioner, ALBERTO D. LINA, and hereinafter referred to as BOC

And

DHL EXPRESS PHILS. CORP., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Philippines, with office address at DHL House, 2306 Chino Roces Avenue, Kayamanan C., Makati City 1231, represented in this act by its Country Manager, NURHAYATI ABDULLAH and hereinafter referred to as DHL EXPRESS.

Witnesseth that:

WHEREAS, BOC is the government agency in charge of regulating the movement of goods coming in and going out of the country;

WHEREAS, DHL EXPRESS is the leading air express operator in the country today engaged in the transport of time-definite consignments;

WHEREAS, both parties mutually recognize the mandate reposed upon by law to BOC to collect and protect the revenues due the government and its duty to deter the smuggling of contrabands, prohibited drugs, firearms and other goods that pose as menace to the security, health and well-being of society;

WHEREAS, both parties likewise recognize that international trade and commerce has become more complex and intricate over the years caused by globalization and that the pervasiveness of an electronic environment has tremendously impacted on existing systems, procedures and practices of customs administrations everywhere;

WHEREAS, recent trends have shown that the commercial demand for time-sensitive consignments is growing at a rapid pace and that, the marked increase in trade volumes year-on-year has compelled Customs administrations to simplify and harmonize systems and procedures consistent with the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement and other international agreements and conventions;

WHEREAS, both parties acknowledge that simplification of customs procedures to facilitate trade should go hand in hand with the need to institutionalize anti-corruption measures, transparency, predictability and integrity in order to strike a balance between trade facilitation and Customs control;

WHEREAS, the more challenging task of effectively implementing Customs reform programs and attaining the desired results would demand closer collaboration and increased co-operation between BOC and DHL EXPRESS.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises, the parties hereto mutually agree as follows:

1. Purpose of the MOU

For the BOC and DHL Express to collaborate and work together in enhancing anti-smuggling strategies and techniques and at the same time, aligning procedures in the clearance of air express consignments with internationally accepted best practices.

2. Mutual Understandings

- a. To jointly explore and identify areas of common concern by which meaningful collaboration between the two organizations can be achieved to the fullest;
- b. To identify sources of technical assistance e.g. training programmes, etc. that will upgrade the capability of BOC to institute reforms and effectively carry out its modernization program;
- c. To provide the widest avenue for regular consultation and exchange of information using the latest technology that will assist BOC in detecting various kinds of Customs fraud;
- d. To maximize efficiency in the clearance of air express consignments in accordance with the obligations imposed on parties under the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement and other international agreements and conventions to which the Philippines is a signatory;




3. Implementing Guidelines

BOC shall, in close consultation with DHL Express, draw up the necessary implementing guidelines consistent with the goals and objectives set forth in this Memorandum of Understanding.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands on this Memorandum of Understanding this DEC 14 2015 day of 2015 in Manila, Philippines.

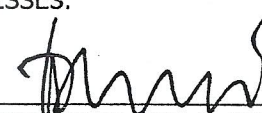
For the Philippine Bureau of Customs:

For DHL Express Phils Corp;


ALBERTO D. LINA
 Commissioner  Bureau of Customs
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NURHAYATI ABDULLAH
 Country Manager

WITNESSES:


AGATON TEODORO O. UVERO
 Deputy Commissioner, AOCG


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NOTARIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
CITY OF MANILA) S.S.

I certify that on this DEC 11 2015 day of 2015, before me, a NOTARY PUBLIC duly authorized in the City of Manila to take acknowledgements, personally appeared:

NAME COMPETENT EVIDENCE OF IDENTITY

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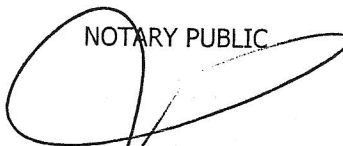
ALBERTO D. LINA

NURHAYATI ABDULLAH

who were identified by me through competent evidence of identity to be the same persons described in the foregoing instrument, who acknowledged before me that their respective signatures on the instrument were voluntarily affixed by them for the purposes stated therein, and who declared to me that they have executed the instrument as their free and voluntary act and deed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affix my notarial seal on the date and at the place above-written.

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