



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS
MANILA

CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM ORDER
NO. 36-93

AUG 05 1993

All Collectors of Customs
Division/Service/Unit Chiefs
(POM, MICP and NAIA)
All Importers/Customs Brokers
All Others Concerned

**Subject : Chemical/Pharmaceutical Shipments
Requiring Mandatory Referral for
Laboratory Analysis**

I **OBJECTIVE:**

To ensure collection of proper duties and taxes and strictly enforce all Customs laws, rules and regulations governing chemical and pharmaceutical shipments.

II **GENERAL PROVISIONS:**

It shall be a mandatory requirement that all shipments of pharmaceuticals and chemicals falling under Section II to VII of the TCCP be subject to Laboratory Analysis in any of the following cases:

1. Shipments with invoice value (F.O.B) below \$500 and therefore not covered by a SGS Clean Report of Findings. Exempted from this provision are:
 - (1) Chemicals and pharmaceutical products registered with the BOC Laboratory as provided for in III-4 below;
 - (2) Shipments of regulated/controlled drugs, pharmaceuticals and other substances covered by Dangerous Drugs Board import permits, the handling and treatment of which shall be covered in a separate memorandum order.
 - (3) Finished products of pharmaceuticals ready for use.
2. The shipment is covered by alert/derogatory information related to valuation, classification/description and issued pursuant to existing regulations.

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III OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES:

1. The analysis required herein shall be performed by the Phil. Customs Laboratory (PCL) unless such cannot be performed thereat for absence of the required facilities/expertise.
2. It shall be the duty of the COO III to insure that the shipment covered by this order are referred to the PCL.
3. The assigned COO III shall obtain samples of the shipment following the procedures defined in the Customs Laboratory Operations Manual. The sample shall be submitted to the laboratory accompanied by a photocopy of the import entry and brochure/literature showing the chemical name as described in III-1 of CMC No. 210-93 dated July 20, 1993.
4. To register chemicals and pharmaceuticals, the importing firm must submit the following to the PCL (Attn.: The Chief, PCL):
 - (1) Sample of the chemical/pharmaceutical;
 - (2) A statement under oath describing its chemical composition, its commercial name (if any), its physical properties, usage and handling/packaging and manufacturer; and
 - (3) Brochures or technical materials supporting 2 above.
5. Application for registration shall be acted upon within five (5) working days. A record of such registration will be made containing the following:
 - a. Registration No.
 - b. Date
 - c. Firm
 - d. Chemical Name
 - e. Commercial Name
 - f. Manufacturer
 - g. IR trace
 - h. Sample (to be deposited in sample room)
 - i. Location in sample room
6. A Registration Certificate shall be issued to the firm to be valid for a period of one year from date of registration.

IV EFFECTIVITY:

This CMO shall take effect fifteen (15) calendar days after signing of this order.


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Commissioner