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CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM ORDER
NO. 14-2007

SUBJECT: Implementation of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) entered into by the Bureau of Customs (BOC), Philippine Nuclear Research Institute (PNRI) and the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) and the Memorandum of Undertaking (MOU) executed by International Container Terminal Service, Inc. (ICTSI) and Asian Terminal Inc. (ATI) regarding the operation of Megaports Initiative Project to prevent the illicit trafficking of nuclear and other radioactive materials.

SECTION 1. OBJECTIVES:

1. To ensure the effective implementation of the MOA entered into by the Philippine Nuclear Research Institute (PNRI), Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) and Bureau of Customs (BOC) and the MOU made by International Container Terminal Services Inc. and Asian Terminal Inc.
2. To prevent the illicit trafficking of nuclear and other radioactive materials through the facilities of South Harbor (ATI) and MICP (ICTSI).
3. To establish a Central Alarm Station Monitoring Unit (CASMU) to ensure the accomplishment of the objectives of Megaports Initiative Project.

SECTION 2. COVERAGE:

This order shall cover all import and export cargoes either in containers/break bulk cargo/loose cargo including shipments in transit and/or transshipments that pass through the port facilities of Manila International Container Port (MICP) by ICTSI and South Harbor of the Port of Manila by ATI.

SECTION 4. OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES:

4.1 The Central Alarm Station Monitoring Unit (CASMU) shall be established at South Harbor, Port of Manila and at the Manila International Container Port which shall be under the supervision and control of the District Commanders of POM Enforcement and Security Service (ESS) District Office, and MICP ESS District Office, respectively.

4.2 The Chief of Environmental Protection Unit, ESS (EPU-ESS), the focal person of Megaports Initiative Project, shall be the Overall Coordinator of the CAS Monitoring Units (CASMUs) and with the focal persons of PPA, ATI, ICTSI, PNRI. He shall likewise coordinate closely with the BOC X-ray Inspection Project

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particularly on matters affecting the radiation detection capability of the non-intrusive x-ray machines.

4.4 The CASMU shall operate and maintain the Central Alarm Station (CAS) and shall assign personnel to be present 24/7 on a three-shift rotation.

4.5 The District Commanders of POM and MICP ESS District Offices shall be responsible for the assignment, designation and deployment of Customs Police Personnel in CASMU at their respective ports, with the Chief, District Research and Evaluation Unit (REU) as the Officer-in-Charge.

4.6 The ESS personnel on duty as Operator at CASMU shall be responsible in opening the Central Alarm Station. As the duty officer, he has the responsibility to do the following:

- a. Decide immediately whether to hold or allow the release of the container;
- b. Should he decide to hold the shipment, he shall coordinate with ATI/ICTSI personnel at the Secondary Work Station for further evaluation of his findings and to determine whether secondary inspection is required;
- c. Should secondary inspection is performed, he shall decide whether to release the shipment or hold the shipment for PNRI tertiary inspection.
- d. Should he decide to hold the shipment for tertiary inspection, he shall immediately submit a written report of his decision to his superiors, with recommendation for the issuance by the Director, ESS of Alert Order against the shipment.

The duty officer shall be administratively liable for gross negligence should he fail to perform his responsibilities under this paragraph.

4.7. In all recommendations for Alert Order, the Overall Coordinator shall be immediately notified to make sure that necessary safety precautions are in place.

4.8 Upon issuance of the Alert Order, the Overall Coordinator shall immediately coordinate with PNRI, ATI/ICTSI and other concerned officials to facilitate the conduct of tertiary inspection of the container.

4.8 CASMU shall establish close coordination at all times with the Mirror CAS at the PNRI, with the LAS and SWS and other experts to ensure an informed decision while manning the CAS.

SECTION 5. REPEAL :

All orders in consistent herewith are hereby revoked and/or modified accordingly

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY :

This Order shall take effect immediately.

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Commissioner

