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MEMORANDUM

**TO : ALL DISTRICT COLLECTORS
ALL SUB-PORT COLLECTORS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

FROM : ATTY. EDWARD JAMES A. DY BUCO
Deputy Commissioner, AOCG

SUBJECT : EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 122 ENTITLED "STRENGTHENING BORDER CONTROL THROUGH THE ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADVANCE PASSENGER INFORMATION SYSTEM"

DATE : December 22, 2020

This has reference to the attached Executive Order (EO) No. 122 entitled "**Strengthening Border Control through the Adoption and Implementation of the Advance Passenger Information System**". The said EO mandates the adoption and implementation of an Advance Passenger Information or API system to strengthen border control. It will be an electronic communications system that collects data from passports, travel documents, and details provided by commercial carriers.

Under the EO, the captain, master or agent, or owner of a commercial carrier whose vessel or aircraft is arriving in or departing from any port within the Philippine territory shall provide the Bureau of Immigration (BI) the API of its passengers, and those of the crew and non-crew members.

API shall serve as initial security vetting of passengers, crew and non-crew members to effectively facilitate and expedite the arrival and departure process of legitimate travelers during primary inspection. This, however, shall not exempt any passenger, crew or non-crew member from submitting to physical primary inspection at the immigration counters of the ports of entry or departure.

Attached is the copy of the said EO, for your information and guidance.

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