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CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO 219-2021

To: All Deputy Commissioners
All Service Directors
All BOC Officials and Personnel
All Others Concerned

Subject: CREATION OF THE PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE (PSC) FOR THE PHILIPPINE CUSTOMS MODERNIZATION PROJECT (PCMP)

Attached is the Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) 01-2021 creating the Project Steering Committee (PSC) for the Philippine Customs Modernization Project (PCMP). The PSC shall be tasked to provide overall policy direction and strategic guidance. It shall also ensure efficient project implementation and make sure that major implementation and supervision issues are adequately addressed by the implementation groups. The PSC shall directly coordinate with the Project Management Unit (PMU) of the Bureau of Customs created under Customs Special Order (CSO) No. 43-2020.

For your information and guidance.

For records purposes, please confirm the dissemination of this Circular throughout your offices within fifteen (15) days from receipt thereof.


REY LEONARDO B. GUERRERO
Commissioner *fu*



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FOR THE PHILIPPINE CUSTOMS MODERNIZATION
PROJECT (PCMP)**

WHEREAS, a diagnostic study made by the World Bank of the BOC's operational and administrative capabilities found that BOC's main challenges include: (i) an old and outdated customs ICT system; (ii) a lack of key capabilities needed for effective customs administration; (iii) poor office accommodation, inadequate access to physical resources and infrastructure; (iv) inadequate management information systems; (v) a lack of pro-active dialogue and effective coordination with key stakeholders; and (vi) an operational environment in which almost all key customs activities are vulnerable to corruption;

WHEREAS, to improve the efficiency, effectiveness and transparency of the Bureau of Customs (BOC), the World Bank (WB), which is the funder and the BOC, the chief implementing agency, envisioned a joint undertaking entitled the Philippine Customs Modernization Project (Roadmap to Full Automation in 2024).

WHEREAS, the PCMP aims to transform the Bureau into a world-class customs by streamlining and upgrading its operations and processes through Information Communication Technology (ICT) and support BOC to reform and upgrade its systems, procedures and operational activities in line with international standards thereby improving transparency, reducing trade costs and increasing revenue collection;

WHEREAS, the PCMP supports and is consistent with the 10 Point Priority Program, which is anchored on improving organizational efficiency, upgrading individual proficiencies and strengthening institutional capabilities with special focus on the implementation of automation;

WHEREAS, to ensure effective management of the Philippine Customs Modernization Program (PCMP), an inter-agency Project Steering Committee (PSC) is hereby created with the following composition:

- Chairperson:** Secretary of Finance or his authorized representative
- Co-Chairperson:** Commissioner of Customs

Permanent Members (Authorized Representatives):

1. Department of Budget and Management
2. Department of Trade and Industry
3. Department of Agriculture
4. Philippine Economic Zone Authority
5. Food and Drug Administration
6. Philippine Ports Authority

Resource Persons:

1. Private sector representatives
2. Other government agencies


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The Chair, PSC is hereby authorized to designate additional personnel to the PSC and coordinate directly with the concerned government offices and the private sector in an Advisory Capacity to effectively operationalize the said Committee.

To provide administrative and technical support to the PSC, a Secretariat is also hereby created headed by the Chief, Planning and Policy Research Division of the BOC.

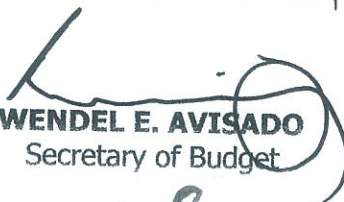
The budget for the operation of the PSC shall be taken from the BOC budget, subject to pertinent accounting, auditing rules and regulations.

This Joint Circular shall take effect immediately and shall last until revoked.


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