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MEMORANDUM

To : ALL DISTRICT COLLECTORS
ALL DEPUTY COLLECTORS FOR OPERATIONS
ALL CHIEF, PID/POD/EQUIVALENT UNITS
ALL PORT and TERMINAL OPERATORS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

From :  **REY LEONARDO B. GUERRERO**  BOC-01-01620
Commissioner *AUG 30 2019*

Subject : Prohibition on the Discharging of Kitchen leftovers/refuse/food waste from Foreign Vessels and Aircraft

Date : 27 August 2019

Section 202 (f) of the CMTA empowers the Bureau of Customs to exercise supervision and control over the entrance and clearance of vessels and aircraft engaged in foreign commerce whilst Section 302 thereof instructs the Bureau to cooperate in the enforcement of port quarantine regulations.

Relative thereto, the Department of Agriculture, through various Memorandum Orders, has imposed a ban on the importation of pork and pork-based products from African Swine Flu (ASF) affected countries. Likewise, the Food and Drug Administration has also issued a ban on the importation of frozen processed pork meat products from such sources.

Due to the growing concern on the continuous spread of ASF of which no treatment or vaccine has yet been developed, there is a clamor for the observance of stringent quarantine protocols. Consequently, kitchen refuse/leftovers/food waste, due to possible commingling with ASF infected pork and pork-based products, from arriving foreign vessel or aircraft whose last port-of-call is an ASF affected country is considered a high-risk path of introduction of the causal virus to the healthy population.

In line with CIQ formalities, the discharge of kitchen refuse/leftovers/food waste from arriving foreign vessels and aircrafts, specially those whose last port-of-call was an ASF affected country, is hereby prohibited, inasmuch as the discharging thereof would constitute a prohibited importation under Section 118(g) of the CMTA.

For immediate and strict compliance.