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MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL CONCERNED

FROM : REY LEONARDO B. GUERRERO
Commissioner



BOC-02-02040

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SUBJECT : INSPECTION OF IMPORTED SHIPMENTS DURING THE STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND/OR THE ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (ECQ)

DATE : 17 April 2020

WHEREAS, Republic Act (R.A.) No. 10863 otherwise known as the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA) vests the Commissioner of Customs the authority to promulgate rules and regulations;

WHEREAS, Section 420 of R.A. No. 10863 (CMTA) allows the conduct of physical examination when it is directed by the Commissioner;

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide other legal approach to countenance existing anti-smuggling efforts especially in crisis situations;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power vested in the Commissioner of Customs, the following rules are promulgated:

Section 1. There is hereby created a composite team of Customs Intelligence and Investigation Service (CIIS), Enforcement and Security Service (ESS), and the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), to be known as the Inspection Unit (IU), under the supervision of the Enforcement Group (EG).

Section 2. The IU shall target and inspect shipments or containers in any of the Ports of Entry, regardless of the selectivity of the shipment and at any stage of the clearance process, provided it is still within the Customs jurisdiction. The inspection to be conducted by the IU shall either be non-intrusive or physical examination.

Section 3. The cost of inspection or examination shall be borne by the Bureau of Customs, provided, the result of the examination is on the negative, *i.e.* no violation of Customs and Tariff laws, rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall last until revoked.