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MEMORANDUM

**TO: ALL DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS
ALL DISTRICT COLLECTORS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

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**SUBJECT: AUG 07 2018
Physical Examination of Alerted Agricultural Products in
Reefer Containers**

DATE : August 7, 2018

In order to expedite the examination of alerted shipments contained in reefer containers, which are perishable in nature, the 100% examination of the shipments may be conducted at the consignee's warehouse, subject to the following conditions:

1. The containers must be subjected to 10% examination at the container yard. If there is no adverse findings, 100% examination can be done at the consignee's warehouse;
2. For shipments subjected to the "special stop" mechanism of the arrastre operators, the special stop should not be lifted until the customs guard who will undertake the continuous undertaking is ready;
3. Continuous underguarding of BOC personnel from the port to the consignee's warehouse, until completion of examination and payment of the necessary duties and taxes;
4. The 100% examination should be immediately conducted by the assigned customs examiner to be witnessed by:
 - a) OCOM representative;
 - b) Representative from the Office of the District Collector;
 - c) ESS representative;
 - d) CIIS representative;
 - e) Representative from the concerned regulating agency (i.e. BPI, BAI, BFAR, NFA, SRA)
 - f) Consignee or his authorized representative

For strict and immediate compliance.