



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Finance
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS
1099 Manila

MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL DISTRICT COLLECTORS

SUBJECT : Clearance from the Legal Service/Run After The Smugglers (RATS) Group before the Disposition of Seized and/or Abandoned Shipments

DATE : 20 January 2017

This refers to the problems usually encountered by the Bureau on seized and/or abandoned articles with pending criminal case. Upon seizure of the said articles, a criminal case may be filed in relation thereto. However, the same articles are also subsequently disposed through public auction/sale. The undersigned directs that the said articles must always be secured and its integrity must be preserved for the good prosecution of the case.

In this regard, your Office is hereby directed to secure clearance from the Legal Service/RATS Group before a public auction/sale of seized and/or abandoned shipments be done.

For strict compliance.

NICANOR E. FAELDON
Commissioner



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