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Department of Finance  
**BUREAU OF CUSTOMS**  
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**MEMORANDUM**

TO : ALL DISTRICT COLLECTORS, AIRPORTS  
ALL SUPPORT COLLECTORS, AIRPORTS  
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : PROHIBITION ON THE OPENING OF LUGGAGE AT AIRPORTS

DATE : 7 March 2017

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Relative to the attached memorandum signed by Cabinet Secretary Leoncio B. Evasco, Jr., Office of the President dated 30 January 2017 and pending issuance of new guidelines on the same, all Bureau personnel assigned at the airport terminals are hereby directed to REFRAIN from opening the luggage of passengers at the customs lane, unless tagged suspect by the X-ray Inspection Project (XIP) for physical examination.

Luggage with intelligence reports or derogatory information shall be returned to the XIP for non-intrusive inspection. The luggage may be subjected to physical examination by the Customs Examiner, if the results of the non-intrusive inspection so warrant.

For strict compliance.

  
**NICANOR E. FAELDON**  
Commissioner



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