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

**MEMORANDUM**

TO : INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION GROUP  
ASSESSMENT AND OPERATIONS COORDINATING GROUP  
REVENUE COLLECTION MONITORING GROUP  
INTELLIGENCE GROUP  
ENFORCEMENT GROUP  
MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM AND TECHNOLOGY GROUP  
ALL DISTRICT COLLECTORS  
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : PROHIBITION ON THE IMPORTATION OF FIRECRACKERS,  
FIREWORKS, AND OTHER PYROTECHNIC DEVICES

DATE : 12 December 2016

Due to the numerous reports that imported firecrackers, fireworks, and other pyrotechnic devices are being circulated and distributed in the Philippine market, please be reminded that pursuant to Republic Act No. 7183, otherwise known as "An Act Regulating the Sale, Manufacture, Distribution and Use of Firecrackers and Other Pyrotechnic Devices," its revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), and Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) No. 1 (s. 2014),<sup>1</sup> **the importation of finished firecrackers, fireworks, and other pyrotechnic devices is prohibited.**

Under RA 7183, its IRR, and JMC No. 1 (s. 2014), **only the importation of chemicals and explosive ingredients used in the manufacture of firecrackers, fireworks, and other pyrotechnic devices is allowed, provided,** that such importation is made by a duly licensed manufacturer holding the corresponding authority to import issued the by the Philippine National Police – Firearms and Explosives Office (PNP-FEO).

In line with this, you are hereby directed to be more circumspect in denying entry and lodgement of finished firecrackers, fireworks and other pyrotechnic devices in any port of entry in the country, and effect the seizure and forfeiture of the aforesaid articles.

For strict compliance.

  
**NICANOR E. FAELDON**  
Commissioner



<sup>1</sup> Joint Memorandum Circular No. 1 (s. 2014) was signed between the Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Finance (DOF), and Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), with the subject "Coordination of Government Agencies for the Implementation of Republic Act no. 7183 and Adoption of Advocacy Campaigns and Measures for the Prevention of Injuries, Death and Damage to Properties Caused by Firecrackers."