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MEMORANDUM

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

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FROM : ISIDRO S LAPENA, PhD, CSEE
Commissioner

**SUBJECT : PRIORITIZATION ON EXAMINATION AND DISPOSITION
OF ALERT ORDERS, as per CMO No. 20-2017 in relation to
CMO No. 35-2015**

DATE : 07 December 2017

With reference to the above-mentioned subject, all District Collectors are reminded of the procedures in relation to Alert Orders. The following provisions are hereby reiterated regarding the examination and disposition of shipments covered by Alert Orders:

1. Section V paragraph 5.5 under CMO No. 35-2015 - **“Examinations of shipments with Alert Orders shall be given priority. Any undue delay in the examination of shipments with Alert Orders shall be a ground for administrative and/or criminal action against the officer or personnel causing the delay.”**
2. Section VI paragraph 6.4 under CMO No. 35-2015 - **“Any undue delay in the disposition of the Alert Orders shall be a ground for administrative and/or criminal action against the officer or personnel causing the delay.”**
3. In addition, Section 6.1 under CMO No. 20-2017 - **“6.1.5. The approval of the District Collector of the recommendation which results to the release of the shipment shall be forwarded through the fastest means available to the Commissioner of Customs for automatic review within twenty-four (24) hours. After confirmation of the Commissioner of Customs, the goods shall be immediately released provided that completed staff work has been undertaken to guide the Commissioner’s decision.”**

For strict and immediate compliance.