CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER (CAO)
NO. 04-2020

SUBJECT: REDEFINING THE JURISDICTIOnAL LIMITS OF THE CUSTOMS
DISTRICTS OF ZAMBOANGA AND CAGAYAN DE ORO

Introduction. This CAO implements Section 206, Title II, Chapter 2 of Republic Act
No. 10863, otherwise known as the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA), in
line with the authority of the Commissioner of Customs, with the approval of the
Secretary of Finance, to change the limits of Customs Districts.

Section 1. Scope. This CAO covers the redefining of jurisdictional limits of the
Customs District of Cagayan de Oro and the Customs District of Zamboanga.

Section 2. General Provisions. Pursuant to Section 206 of the CMTA, the
Commissioner, with the approval of the Secretary of Finance, has the authority to
change the limits of Customs Districts. Thus, in order to encourage economic
development in the Zamboanga Peninsula through increased trade movement and
facilitation, the entire Provinces of Zamboanga del Norte, Zamboanga del Sur and
Zamboanga Sibugay are hereby restored to and placed under the jurisdiction of the
Port of Zamboanga instead of the Port of Cagayan de Oro, to wit:

Tenth. – The District of Cagayan de Oro, comprising the
Provinces of Misamis Oriental, Misamis Occidental, Lanao del
Norte, Lanao del Sur, Bukidnon, Camiguin Island, and all the
islands within the jurisdiction of said provinces, in which
Cagayan de Oro City, Misamis Oriental shall be the principal port
of entry. Its sub-ports of entry are Iligan City, Lanao del Norte
and Ozamiz City, Misamis Occidental;

Eleventh. – The District of Zamboanga, comprising the Provinces
of Zamboanga del Norte, Zamboanga del Sur and Zamboanga
Sibugay, Basilan Island, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi and all the islands
and/or group of islands within the jurisdiction of the said
provinces, in which Zamboanga City shall be the principal port
of entry. Its sub-ports of entry are Basilan City, Jolo, Sulu, and
Tawi-Tawi (Bongao).

Section 3. Repealing Clause. CAO No. 7-88 and CMO No. 21-89 are hereby deemed
repealed, amended and/or modified accordingly.

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Section 4. **Separability Clause.** If any part of this CAO is declared unconstitutional or contrary to existing laws, the other parts not so declared shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. **Effectivity.** This CAO shall take effect thirty (30) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or a newspaper of general circulation.

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