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MEMORANDUM

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TO : DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, IG
DIRECTOR, POS-AOCG
ALL DISTRICT COLLECTORS
RISK MANAGEMENT OFFICE (RMO)
X-RAY INSPECTION PROJECT (XIP)
SPECIAL MONITORING TEAM (SMT)
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

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Commissioner



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SUBJECT : CONDUCT OF MANDATORY X-RAY AND PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF ALL PEZA AND OTHER SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES (SEZs) BOUND SHIPMENTS TAGGED AS "ORANGE" AND "RED" PRIOR TO RELEASE FROM THE PORT OF DISCHARGE

DATE : 08 July 2021

In order to safeguard the revenue collection efforts of the Bureau and as part of the intensified campaign against smuggling and other forms of violation of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA) and other related laws, all transit shipments bound for PEZA and other Special Economic Zones (SEZs) tagged as "ORANGE" and "RED" are required to undergo 100% X-Ray Examination and/or Physical Examination prior to release from the port of discharge.

Shipments tagged as **ORANGE**, identified as cargoes ranging from medium to high risk shall pass through the x-ray scanning and should the images be found to be suspicious, shall be subjected to physical examination. Shipments tagged as such shall among others include shipments covered by existing policies and regulations for mandatory x-ray scanning and random selection by the Selectivity System.

Shipments tagged as **RED**, identified as high risk shall be subjected to x-ray scanning and physical examination. Shipments tagged as such including but not limited to commodities covered by existing policies and regulations, those which are high risk in nature such as goods which are less dense and cannot be purely detected by x-ray scanners, shipments with derogatory information, those with highly suspicious declarations and random selection by the Selectivity System.

In view of the foregoing, the X-Ray Inspection Project (XIP) is hereby directed to coordinate with the Deputy Collectors for Operations to ensure the smooth implementation of these measures.

Similarly, the Special Monitoring Team (SMT) on Transit Cargoes bound for PEZA and other Special Economic Zones (SEZs) under the direct supervision of the Director, Port Operations Service, AOCG (POS-AOCG) shall witness the conduct of physical examination

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of subject shipments prior to their release from the port of discharge. If physical examination is not possible at port of discharge, the same may be conducted at the intended PEZA and SEZs destination. The concerned Port shall notify ETRACC control tower to authorize and allow disarming of ETRACC Seals only in the presence of SMT.

Finally, the Intelligence Group (IG) shall provide immediate feedback on derogatory findings to the Risk Management Office (RMO) for the timely updating of the selectivity setting of PEZA and SEZ bound shipments for the purpose of red-tagging and to intensify the data sharing with the POS-AOCG.

For strict compliance.