

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Finance
Bureau of Customs
1099 Manila

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SUBJECT: Payment of Duties and Taxes to Authorized Agent Banks (AAB)

To ensure proper collection of cash payments, forestall irregularities in the payment system, and in the interest of the service, the following rules are hereby issued:

- Monetary Instruments. Cash, Managers Checks and other acceptable bank instruments are the forms of payment recognized in the banking industry.
- Kinds of Payment Allowed. For purposes of satisfaction of duties and taxes only the following kinds of payment are allowed:
  - a. Payments made in cash or Managers Checks payable to the Bureau of Customs shall be honored by all Authorized Agent Banks (AABs). Cash payments may be over the counter or debit transactions from existing bank accounts
  - For purposes of Advance Duties in the Import Entry Declaration (IED), payment by the importer shall be made for the full amount in the IED either in cash or Managers Checks.
- Tax Credit Certificates. Tax Credit Certificates (TCCs) issued either
  by the Bureau of Customs or the Department of Finance shall not be
  valid for bank transactions, particularly in the payment of duties in the
  IED and/or IEIRD.

TCCs are not considered legal tender neither as banking instruments, and therefore, they shall be utilized only in transactions where the payment of duties and taxes are directly made and effected through the Collection Division or equivalent unit of the District/Port concerned.

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Further, presentation of the Bureau of Customs Official Receipt (BCOR) allegedly issued by the Bureau of Customs for acceptance of payments by means of TCCs as advanced deposit of duties solely for purposes of opening Letters of Credit (L/C) shall not be honored by AABs.

- Repealing Clause. Any Order inconsistent with this issuance is hereby deemed repealed, revoked or modified accordingly.
- Effectivity. This Order takes effect after 15 days of complete publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

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