



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

CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM ORDER

NO. 16-2009

Subject: ABOLITION OF THE VEHICLE IMPORTATION COMPLIANCE MONITORING UNIT (VICMU) AND CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE, THE ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATE OF PAYMENT AND CLEARANCE UNIT (E-CPCU) UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

I. OBJECTIVES

1. To effect the electronic transmission of the Electronic Certificate of Payment/Clearance (e-CPC) to the Land Transportation Office (LTO) through the e-CPC System.
2. To establish a databank on all imported motor vehicles.
3. To prevent customs fraud.
4. To carry into effect CMO No. 7-2009 implementing the Memorandum of Agreement entered into by the LTO and the Bureau of Customs (BOC).

II. SCOPE

This Order shall cover all imported motor vehicles, parts and/or components that are required to be registered with the LTO under existing laws, rules and regulations.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

1. The Vehicle Importation Compliance Monitoring Unit (VICMU) is hereby abolished and in its stead, an Electronic Certificate of Payment and Clearance Unit (E-CPCU) is hereby created under the Office of the Commissioner.
2. The E-CPCU shall have the following powers and functions:
 - 2.1. Check and verify the encoded data.
 - 2.2. Electronically transmit the e-CPC to the LTO through the e-CPC System.
 - 2.3. Develop a database of all imported motor vehicles.

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- 2.4. Review amendments to the e-CP for the approval of the Commissioner of Customs.
- 2.5. Assign a verifier to conduct random check of the imported motor vehicle/s.
- 2.6. Submit to the Commissioner periodic reports on all motor vehicle importations and status of tax liability, if any.
- 2.7. Provide the Computer-generated e-CPC print out.
- 2.8. Recommend issuance of orders as may be necessary to effectively perform its functions.
- 2.9. Perform such other functions as may be directed by the Commissioner.

IV. OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

- 1. All e-CPCs shall be electronically transmitted to the E-CPCU for clearance. In case of certain errors or problems noted, the E-CPCU may encode the instruction in the remark box of the E-CPCU and send the data back to the originating Port/Office/Unit by pressing the "RESEND" button. If the e-CPC is verified correct, it shall be tagged as "APPROVED" and the same shall be electronically transmitted to the LTO IT System.
- 2. In case a discrepancy exists, the E-CPCU may verify the electronic data through its verifier and take necessary actions which may consist of either requesting the non-registration, suspension, or non-renewal of the registration of therein covered motor vehicle.

V. REPEALING CLAUSE:

All rules, regulations, orders and other issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

VI. EFFECTIVITY:

This Order shall take effect immediately.

NAPOLEON D. MORALES
Commissioner



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