



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS
MANILA 1099

CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM ORDER
NO. 38-2002

SUBJECT: RATIONALIZING **IST** OPERATIONS


To align the work of the Import Specialist Team (IST) to the normal flow of processing customs entries, the following guidelines are hereby set for IST operations:

1. To strictly adhere to CMO 5-99, more particularly No. 7 of the General Provisions thereof, which states that "If after two (2) hours, no alert for spotcheck/100% examination is issued, it is presumed that no indicator can be found by the assigned sub-unit/section in the entry documents submitted to suggest irregularity." Accordingly, upon the lapse of the 2-hour period prescribed under the situation described above, the IST shall return the entry documents to the Collection Division.
2. If IST deems a 100% examination is required, the same shall be subject to the approval of the District Collector, upon the recommendation of the Chief of FED/RMG.
3. If IST finds valid valuation/classification issues, the same shall be referred to the VCRC and shall be treated thereat in accordance with CMO 10-2000.
4. If IST finds fraud or such other violations outside the jurisdiction of the VCRC, the same shall be forwarded to the concerned District Collector, upon indorsement of the Chief of FED/RMG for appropriate action.

Any violation of this Order shall be dealt with accordingly.

Any provision inconsistent herewith are deemed amended, modified or repealed accordingly.

This Order takes effect on 16 September 2002


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Commissioner