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BOC Achieves Priority Programs for 2021



The Bureau of Customs (BOC), under the leadership of Commissioner Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero, achieved 88.94% of its target activities set under the 10-Point Priority Program for C.Y. 2021, aimed to further strengthen the BOC by improving organizational efficiency, upgrading individual proficiencies, and strengthening institutional capabilities.

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JANUARY 2022

P52.123 Billion - Target Collection | P6.035 billion - Surplus

FEBRUARY 2022

036 B (17.04%)

P50.302 Billion - Target Collection | P8.734 biliion - Surplus



Professionalism

Accountability

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Consistent with its mandate to collect lawful revenues for the country, the Bureau of Customs surpassed its February 2022 target collection by 17.4% or P8.734 billion, with an actual collection of P59.036 B against the P50.302B target collection.

Based on the preliminary report from the BOC-Financial Service, 14 of the seventeen collection districts exceeded their target for the month; Port of San Fernando, POM, MICP, Batangas, Iloilo, Cebu, Tacloban, Cagayan de Oro, Zamboanga, Davao, Subic, Clark, Aparri, and Limay

For January 2022, BOC collected a total of P58.158 billion against its P52.123 billion January 2022 target collection, posting a surplus of P6.035 biliion or +11.58%.

As of date, the Bureau of Customs collected P117.524 billion since January reflecting the 17.3% of the 2022 annual target collection.

The BOC's positive performance continues to highlight the Bureau's consistent and positive monthly collection for consecutive months, and is attributed to the improved valuation and intensified collection efforts of all the ports.

BOC marks 17.04-B liters of fuel, collects P165.96-B Taxes for 2021

Now on its third year of implementation, the Bureau of Customs (BOC) marked 17,0336,061,436 liters of gasoline, diesel and kerosene and collected taxes amounting to P165.96 billion from January to December 2021 through the continuing implementation of the government's Fuel Marking Program.

In line with the program's campaign to address fuel smuggling, the BOC and BIR apprehended a total of 86,888 liters of diesel and kerosene and seized two (2) units of tank trucks carrying unmarked fuel with estimated value of P5.16 million and P7.4 million, respectively. Tanks of eight retail stations were these unmarked fuel were found was likewise sealed and recommended for filing of criminal cases. Since its implementation in September 2019 to December 2021, the BOC and BIR marked 34.59 billion liters of fuel and generated revenue amounting to P313.98 billion.



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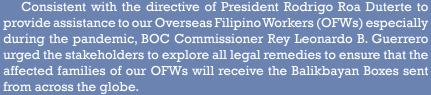
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BOC-MICP FACILITATES TURN-OVER RELEASE OF VARIOUS BALIKBAYAN BOXES

The Manila International Container Port (MICP) of the Bureau of Customs (BOC) headed by Acting District Collector Romeo Allan R. Rosales, facilitated the release of Balikbayan Boxes to the Door to Door Consolidators Association of the Philippines (DDCAP) represented by its President, Mr. Joel P. Longares.

The shipment contains almost 180 Balikbayan Boxes which arrived at the MICP last August 16, 2021 and originally processed by the Manila Forwarders Corporation based in Spain. However, the said company failed to claim the shipment within the period provided for under Customs Administrative Order (CAO) No. 17-2019. Thus, the BOC issued a Decree of Abandonment (DOA) against said shipment and eventually sold to Atlas Brokerage & Express

Padala Inc. on a Public Auction Sale dated 19 January 2022.



MICP Acting District Collector Rosales sincerely acknowledges the predicament of OFWs and their families, and thanked DDCAP and ATLAS for their support in ensuring the delivery of the boxes.

BOC Coordinates Work on the Single Window Initiatives with the Bases Conversion and Development Authority

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BOC Marks 120TH YEAR: Transforming, Performing, and Modernizing Towards a World-Class Customs

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The event was held at the Rizal Park Hotel, Ermita, Manila, and was graced by the Department of Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III as the Guest of Honor and Speaker, and Undersecretary Antonette Tionko.

Among the highlights of the celebration were the viewing of the newly acquired fast patrol boats, actual demonstration of the newly procured trace detection systems, and the anniversary program proper which included the Commissioner's presentation of the BOC Accomplishment Report for 2021, and recognition of the Bureau's collection districts and top units, partner law enforcement agencies, Multi-Sector Governance Council, top importers and taxpayers, and industry partners.

The ports recognized for their contribution to the achievement of the 2021 collection target and for their earnest commitment to fulfill the agency core mandates were the Ports of San Fernando, Manila, Manila International Container Port, Ninoy Aquino International Airport, Batangas, Legazpi, Iloilo, Cebu, Tacloban, Surigao, Cagayan De Oro, Zamboanga, Davao, Subic, Clark, Appari, and Limay.

The Enforcement and Security Service of the Enforcement Group and Customs Intelligence and Investigation Service of the Intelligence Group of BOC were also awarded for their technical proficiency and participation in the strategic execution of border protection-related operations which led to multiple successful apprehensions of prohibited commodities and other contraband in CY 2021.

BOC also recognized its partner law enforcement agencies for their unyielding support to the Bureau which resulted in the successful customs intelligence and enforcement operations, namely, the National Bureau of Investigation, Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency, Philippine Coast Guard, and the Philippine National Police.

The BOC Multi-Sector Governance Council was also awarded for its strategic expertise and commitment extended to the Bureau towards good governance and organizational transformation through the Performance Governance System.

Petron Corp., Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp., and Unioil Petroleum Philippines, Inc., were also recognized as the Top Importers for CY 2021 based on their payment of duties and taxes that significantly contributed to the positive collection performance of BOC.

Meanwhile, the Universal Robina Corp., and Japan Tobacco International, Inc., were awarded as the Top Taxpayers for the same period based on compliances to the Bureau's post-clearance audit that significantly contributed to the positive collection performance of BOC.

Toyota Motor Philippines, Corporation was also recognized as the first to be accredited as an Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) in the Philippines under the AEO Program.

BOC also recognized its industry partners, the Super Green Lane Association and the Chamber of Customs Brokers, Inc., for their commitment to support the continuous realization of the agency's core mandates.

"We are most grateful to all our partners and stakeholders who have been both supportive and vigilant, making sure that we lived up to our mandate and improved as necessary. The guidance of our President Rodrigo Roa Duterte and the leadership of the Department of Finance under Secretary Carlos G. Dominguez are the pillars by which the BOC have been able to perform and transform". Commissioner Rey Leonardo Guerrero said in his message.

With its milestones, lessons, and recognition, the Bureau of Customs will remain committed and dedicated to the fulfillment of its mandates as it welcomes another year in its history.





BOC Holds 2022 Media Fellowship Meeting



Atty. Vincent Philip C. Maronilla, Spokesman and Assistant Commissioner discussed the 2021 Accomplishment Report of the Bureau. The discussion focused on the achievements of the Bureau in terms of its mandates of revenue collection, border protection, and trade facilitation.

Atty. Noemi A. Garcia, Acting Chief of the Planning and Policy Research Division shared the Bureau's accomplishment under the 2021 10-Point Priority Program, and the 10-Point Priority Program for 2022.

The Priority Programs for this year include (1) Implementation Of Customs Computerization Program (2) Enhancement Of Learning And Development Program (3) Full Operationalization And Promotion Of Authorized Economic Operator Program (4) Implementation Of Customs E-Commerce Program (5) Sustainment Of Integrity And Quality Management System (6) Enhancement Of Trade Facilitation (7) Improvement Of Revenue Collection Through Non-Traditional Sources (Enhancement Of Employee Welfare Program (9) Implementation Of Organizational Restructuring and (10) Enhancement of Performance Management System.

BOC ACHIEVES PRIORITY PROGRAMS FOR 2021

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The programs are: (1) Implementation of Customs Computerization Program where 80.75% or 130 over 161 of the customs processes were automated; (2) Intensification of Post-Clearance Audit and Post-Entry Modification Measures where PCAG collected a total of Php610 Million from Final Audit Reports; (3) Onboarding of the 22 Trade Regulatory Government Agencies (TRGA) into the National Single Window (NSW); (4) Implementation of the Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) Program where the AEO Online Portal was implemented through Customs Memorandum Order No. 26-2021; (5) Promotion and Application of Advance Ruling Program through its incorporation to Customer Care Portal; (6) Under Pursuit of Integrity Development and Quality Management, seven (7) offices, ports, and subports have been successfully awarded with the ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System Certification while the Bureau consecutively bagged the Gold Governance Trailblazer awards as it passed the first three (3) stages of the Performance Governance System (PGS) under the Integrity for Solidary in Asia (ISA); (7) Strengthening of Port Surveillance, Marine, Interdiction and Water Patrol Capability through the completion the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Certification, conduct of regular Mandaragat Training and Small Boat Operations and Maintenance Course, and completion of Sea Trial Training; (8) Enhancement of Customs Facilities and Warehouse (CFW) Management through the issuance of CMO 17-20211, implementing the Automated Bonds Management System (ABMS) for General Warehousing Bonds in all Customs Ports; (9) Streamlining of Export

Clearance Process where Revised Rules and Regulations on the Opening and Utilization of Prepayment Accounts were issued to provide an alternative mode of payment of duties, taxes, and other charges for all goods declarations lodged through the E2M system and (10) Simplification of Informal Entry Processing through the implemented 9-2021 of CMO and Administrative Customs Order No. 02-2021 which prescribes a uniform and systematic procedure on the clearance of goods under the Informal Entry Process through an ICTenabled system.



BOC-CLARK, CAIDTF, ESS, CIIS, XIP & PDEA seize P5.2-million worth of Ecstasy, consignee arrested in Quezon City



The Bureau of Customs-Port of Clark, in close coordination with CAIDTF, ESS, CIIS, XIP & PDEA, busted another drug importation attempt as it seized 3054 pieces of Ecstasy tablets with an estimated street value of P5.2-million and arrested the consignee in Quezon City.

Acting on a reliable information, a shipment from Zaandam, Netherlands declared as "Solar Lights for Home Use" was put on hold upon its arrival on January 20, 2022 and was subjected to x-ray scanning and PDEA K9 sniffing which gave positive indications of possible presence of illegal drugs. Thereafter, the subject shipment was subjected to physical examination which led to the findings of three (3) pcs. Solar Lights, one (1) pc. Heating cushion and six (6) plastic pouch of suspected illegal drugs covered with duct tape hidden in between the linings of corrugated box. Further examination on six plastic pouch revealed 3054 pieces and more or less 10 grams of broken pieces of Blue and Pink tablets suspected to be Ecstasy. field CAIDTF testing was conducted by Clark personnel gave through Rigaku Ramman Chemical Analyzer which "Mixture MDMA" result for the presence of of Cotton Ecstasy.

A Warrant of Seizure and Detention was issued against the subject shipment for violation of Sections 118 (g), 119 (d), and 1113 par. f, i & l of R.A. 10863 otherwise known as the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA) in relation to R.A. 9165 otherwise known as the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002.

BOC Files 166 Criminal & Admin Cases against Importers, Customs Brokers in 2021

In pursuit of transparency and border security, the Revenue Collection Monitoring Group (RCMG), through the Bureau's Action Team Against Smugglers (BATAS) of the Legal Service, intensified its action against erring importers and customs brokers who violated customs laws, rules, and regulations.

The anti-smuggling efforts of the Bureau of Customs (BOC) in coordination with other government agencies resulted in the filing of a total of 103 criminal cases from January to December 2021 against 309 individuals composed of importers and customs brokers for violations of the Republic Act No. 10863, also known as the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA) and other pertinent laws.

Similarly, 63 administrative cases were filed against licensed customs brokers before the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC).

Data from BATAS also show that among the cases involved the unlawful importation of cigarettes valued at Php 897.1 million; agricultural products valued at Php 293.9 million; general merchandise amounting to almost Php 253.2 million; medicines valued at Php 57.1 million; motor vehicles valued at Php 49.1 million; and other commodities valued at Php 63.1 million. Further, criminal cases due to unlawful removal and disarming of electronic Customs seals were also filed against erring individuals.



BOC Davao Seizes P 28.87M Worth of Smuggled Cigarettes

The Bureau of Customs (BOC)-Port of Davao seized 1,020 master cases of smuggled cigarettes with an estimated value of Php 28,872,000.00 on Jan. 18, 2022, at Davao International Container Terminal (DICT), Panabo City, Davao Del Norte. Derogatory information received from the BOC's Intelligence Group revealed that the said shipment was originally declared as 1,077 packages of assorted items such as plastic washbasins, plastic chairs, drainer baskets, and bond



papers. However, physical inspection yielded positive for misdeclaration of smuggled cigarettes, containing 1000 master cases of Two Moon cigarettes and 20 master cases of Fort Menthol cigarettes were found.

Atty. Erastus Sandino B. Austria, District Collector of the Port already issued a Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the shipment consigned to Essafrank Consumer Goods Trading for violating Section 117 and Section 1400 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA).

BOC Seizes P150M Worth of Fake COVID Test Kits, Medicines

The Bureau of Customs on Friday, January 21, 2022, seized an estimated P150 million worth of fake COVID-19 antigen test kits, LianHua Chinese medicines, counterfeit face masks, and copyright-infringed branded goods in a Manila warehouse, leading also to the arrest of a Chinese national who was the owner of the said warehouse.

The team also found intellectual property rights (IPR) infringed goods such as apparel from brands like Nike, Fila, Converse, Adidas, as well as Louis Vuitton and Gucci bags, wallets, phone accessories, and others.

The Chinese national, owner of the warehouse, will face various cases in relation to the violation of Sec. 1401 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA) and Section 1113 paragraph (l) (5) of the CMTA in relation to Sec. 118 paragraph (e).



BOC-NAIA seizes 396 harmful Black Ants Declared as Lego Toys



Bureau of Customs - Port of NAIA seized and turned over 3 export shipments misdeclared as "Lego Toys" and 2 undeclared import shipments containing harmful black ants concealed in specimen tubes to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources on January 24, 2022 and February 04, 2022, respectively.

The 3 intercepted export parcels declared as "Lego Kid's Toy" bound for France, Singapore and Italy sent by a certain "Shin Yap" was found containing twenty-one (21) small cups and twenty-one (21) specimen tubes of assorted black ants concealed in a Lego Box. On the other hand, 2 similarly suspicious imported shipments from Poland yielded a total of 375 specimen tubes containing black ants.

The seized black ants were immediately turned over to the DENR and subjected to seizure and forfeiture proceedings for violation of Section 11 and 27 of RA 9147 otherwise known as "Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act", and Section 117 in relation to Section 1113 (f) of RA 10863 also known as the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA).

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-with similar declarations and suspected to contain misdeclared or undeclared agricultural products, Maritess Martin, District Collector of the Port, ordered the issuance of Pre-Lodgement Control Orders against the above-mentioned shipments.

Physical examination of 9x40' container shipment consigned to EMV Consumer Goods Trading declared as 4,050 packages of "antibacterial wet wipes" resulted to the discovery of refined sugar.



On the other hand, examination of 10x40' container shipments consigned to JKJ International Co. declared as "mantou" and "egg tarts" yielded fresh red onions estimated to have a market value of Php 25.8 million.

Warrants of Seizure and Detention (WSD) were issued against the shipments consigned to JKJ International Co. for violation of Department of Agriculture Administrative Order (DAO) No. 18 series of 2000 and DA Department Circular No. 4 series of 2016; in relation to Section 1113 (f) of the Republic Act (RA) No. 10863 or the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA).

Subsequently, WSD were issued against shipments consigned to EMV Consumer Goods Trading for violation of the Sugar Regulatory Administration and Bureau of Customs Joint Memorandum Order No. 04-2004, in relation to Section 1113 (f) of the RA 10863 or CMTA.



10 POINT PRIORITY PROGRAM 2022



TRANSFORMING, PERFORMING, AND MODERNIZING TOWARDS A WORLD-CLASS CUSTOMS SERVICE

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IMPLEMENTATION OF CUSTOMS COMPUTERIZATION PROGRAM

- Administrative Back Office Enterprise Resource Planning System
- Remote Image Analysis Center
- New Customs Processing System

ENHANCEMENT OF LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

- Establishment of Customs Training Institute
- Systems for e-Learning and Knowledge Management.
- Leadership and Management Trainings
- WCO Top Executive Program

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FULL OPERATIONALIZATION AND PROMOTION OF AUTHORIZED ECONOMIC OPERATOR PROGRAM

- Accreditation of top importing companies
- Construction of AEO Office
- Engagement with ASEAN for the MRA
- Completion of AEO Validation

IMPLEMENTATION OF CUSTOMS E-COMMERCE PROGRAM

- Constitute the BOC E-Commerce Technical Working Group (TWG)
- Develop E-Commerce Program
- Study on possible Memorandum of Understanding with e-commerce platforms/companies

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SUSTAINMENT OF INTEGRITY AND QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

- Attainment of PGS Institutionalized Status
- Continuation and maintenance of ISO 9001:2015 QMS Certification
- BOC Integrity Plan
- BOC Risk Map
- Revise Code of Conduct & Governance Culture

ENHANCEMENT OF TRADE FACILITATION

- BOC-TFC (WCO) Joint activities on trade facilitation
- Implementation of PTFC roadmap
- Compliance with the Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) through Mercator and other WCO TF programs

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IMPROVEMENT OF REVENUE COLLECTION THROUGH NON-TRADITIONAL SOURCES

- Increased revenue derived from disposal/sale of abandoned/seized cargoes
- Establish Non-traditional revenue sources Monitoring Group
- Establish dashboard or system to collect on tentatively released goods

ENHANCEMENT OF EMPLOYEE WELFARE PROGRAM

- Constitute the Rewards Committee
- Proposed guidelines on employee Rewards & incentives pursuant to RA 9335
- Develop programs for career pathing of employees
 Implement new and comprehensive Health Program
- for employees

 Construction/repair of offices/workstations for

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IMPLEMENTATION OF ORGANIZATIONAL RESTRUCTURING

- Review & Update BOC Rationalization Plan
- Submission of draft Rationalization Plan
- Develop BOC Staffing Pattern

ENHANCEMENT OF PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

- Revision of BOC Strategic Performance Management System (SPMS)
- Cascading and full utilization of New SPMS
- Submission to CSC of new BOC-SPMS

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