




MEMORANDUM



BOC-05-24135

TO : ALL DISTRICT COLLECTOR
 ALL CHIEF OF AUCTION AND CARGO DISPOSAL
 DIVISION OF CUSTOMS DISTRICTS
 ALL CHIEF OF LAW DIVISION OF CUSTOMS
 DISTRICTS
 ALL CONDEMNATION COMMITTEE
 LEGAL SERVICE-RCMG
 ALL SUPERVISING TEAM FOR CONDEMNATION
 ALL ACCREDITED SERVICE CONTRACTORS

FROM : 
RANIEL T. RAMIRO
 Deputy Commissioner, Intelligence Group

SUBJECT : **PRIORITIZATION OF SEIZED SMUGGLED
 CIGARETTES FOR CONDEMNATION**

DATE : 18 January 2022

1. References:

- a. Customs Administrative Order (CAO) No. 03-2020 on "DISPOSITION OF SEIZED, ABANDONED AND FORFEITED GOODS IN CUSTOMS CUSTODY";
 - b. Customs Memorandum Order (CMO) No. 24-2021 on "RULES AND REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING NO. 3-2020 ON THE DISPOSITION OF FORFEITED AND ABANDONED GOODS THROUGH CONDEMNATION"; and
 - c. Instruction of the Commissioner.
2. The Commissioner has noted the apparent delay in the condemnation of seized smuggled cigarettes exposing the same to possibility of pilferage and other unlawful activities.
 3. In view thereof, you are hereby reminded to strictly follow the reglementary periods prescribed under CMO No. 24-2021. Seized smuggled cigarettes must be given priority in the preparation and execution of condemnation.
 4. The Supervising Team must also ensure the 24/7 guarding and surveillance of the seized smuggled cigarettes until the same shall have been destroyed.
 5. Also, in order to enhance transparency of condemnation activities, aside from representatives of the concerned government regulatory agency and the Commission of Audit (COA), the Condemnation Committee shall also invite as witness the following:

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- a. a representative from the registered owner of the cigarette trademark;
- b. a representative from the Local Government Unit where the condemnation will be executed; and
- c. members of the media.

6. For immediate compliance.

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The Commissioner