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MEMORANDUM

**TO : ALL DISTRICT COLLECTORS
ALL DISTRICT COMMANDERS, ESS, EG**

FROM : REY LEONARDO B. GUERRERO
Commissioner



**SUBJECT : MARITIME INFORMATION REPORT ON S/V "OPENSEA"
ALLEGEDLY CARRYING NARCOTICS**

DATE : February 28, 2019

- 1.0 Pursuant to NCWC Maritime Information Report No. 02-15-2019-001, that S/V "OPENSEA" is a pleasure craft owned and operated by a French national identified as Jean Pierre Guy Claude LEON with French Passport No. 10AS96803 allegedly carrying narcotics.
- 2.0 Said information originated from US Joint Interagency Task Force West (JIATF West) with a counter narcotics mission. Accordingly, the said vessel of interest (hereinafter referred as Vol) arrived at Nuku Hiva from Panama with one crew member onboard, and declared that the Philippines is the next port of call.
- 3.0 Meanwhile, NCWC had undergone several initial search of the said subject vessel on Seavision, Asia Pacific Computerized Information System (APCIS), and on open sources. However, it is still difficult to ascertain the exact location of the said vessel since it has been sailing with its Automated Identification System (AIS) turned off, and several important information are unknown.
- 4.0 In this regard, all BOC Collection Districts and ESS District Offices must maintain constant monitoring and lookout for the arrival of the said Vol in any Philippine port, and a joint searching operation to the S/V OPENSEA shall be conducted by members of Port Operations Division (POD), Piers Inspection Division (PID), and/or equivalent Offices in all seaports and sub-seaports of the Bureau with CAIDTF, Water Patrol Division, and the inclusion of Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) agents assigned at the region covering the subject vessels' port of entry.
- 5.0 For strict compliance and widest dissemination.