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MEMORANDUM

**TO: ALL DISTRICT AND SUB-PORT COLLECTORS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

FROM: REY LEONARDO B. GUERRERO
Commissioner *[Signature]* **AUG 12 2020**  BOC-02-03014

**SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF WSD OR DECREE OF ABANDONMENT FOR
OVERSTAYING SHIPMENTS**

DATE: 07 August 2020

In furtherance of the Bureau's functions to prevent entry of smuggled goods, suppress customs fraud, supervise and control all import and export cargoes, landed or stored in piers, airports, terminal facilities, including container yards and freight stations for the protection of government revenue and prevention of entry of contraband, all District Collectors are hereby directed to examine all overstaying shipments within their respective Collection Districts.

After examination, when the importation of the overstaying shipment is found to be in order, the corresponding Decree of Abandonment should be issued upon compliance with the requirements under the law.

On the other hand, once there exists a probable cause for any violation of the CMTA and other allied laws, such as but not limited to the goods being prohibited, restricted, regulated, or when the required clearances and other documentations are lacking, a Warrant of Seizure and Detention should be issued.

All offices concerned are hereby directed to ensure effective implementation and monitoring of this Memorandum.

For strict compliance.