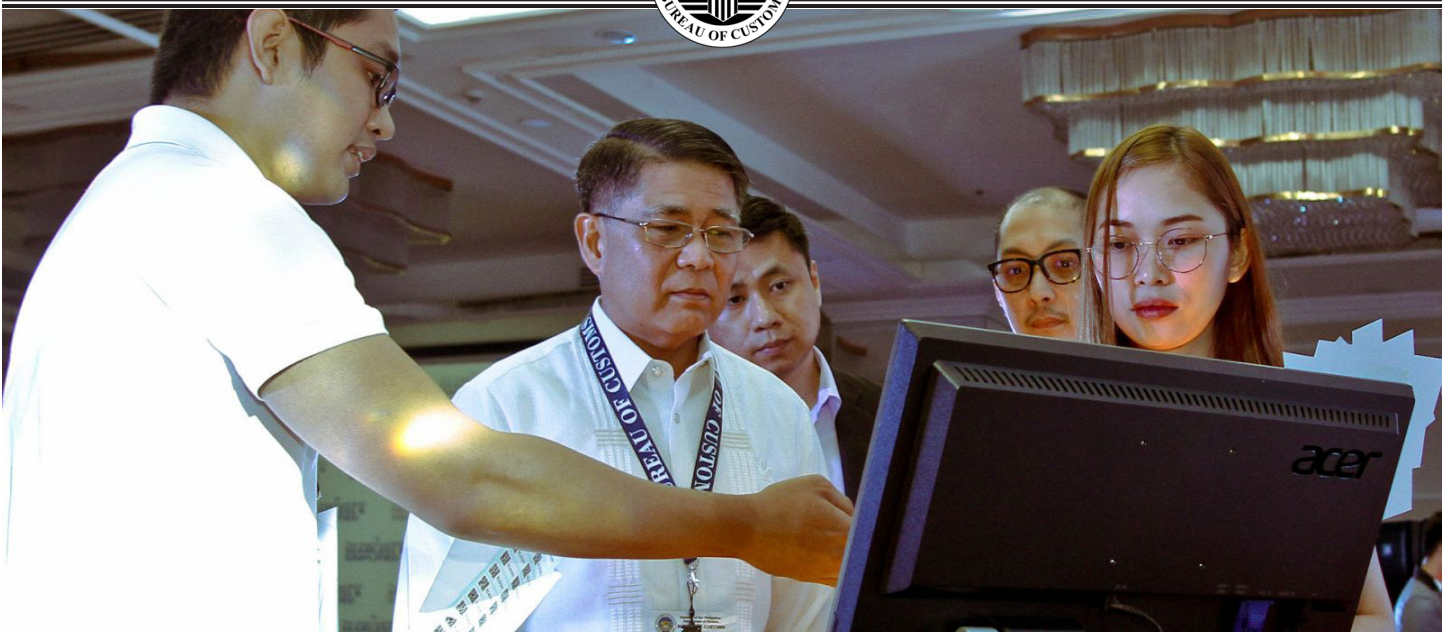


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NEDA-ICC approves BOC modernization project

The National Economic and Development Authority Investment Coordination Committee (NEDA - ICC), during its meeting last March 6, 2020, approved the Philippine Customs Modernization Project of the

Bureau of Customs (BOC) and recommended for its final approval by the NEDA Board chaired by President Rodrigo Duterte.

The modernization and process reengineering of the BOC is pursuant to

Section 109 of the R.A 10863 (Customs Modernization and Tariff Act) which directs the Bureau to utilize Information & Communication Technology (ICT) in enhancing customs control for a cost-effective and efficient customs operation

geared towards a paperless environment.

The project can be considered part of the Build Build Build project of the administration, centered on building the ICT infrastructure of the BOC.

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BOC elaborates processes in Joint Admin Order 20-01



The Bureau of Customs has implemented the Joint Administrative Order (JAO) 20-01 that provides the guidelines for the expeditious release of goods during the enhanced community quarantine in its mandate to ensure efficient flow of basic and essential goods.

The JAO shall apply to reefer containers categorized as either chilled or frozen and dry vans/goods,

[\(See more in page 6\)](#)

BOC apprehends Php 5 Million worth of PPE and alcohol



In line with the Bureau of Customs' (BOC) commitment to border security, the BOC through the Customs Intelligence and Investigation Service (CIIS) assisted by the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), Manila Police District (MPD) and concerned citizens of Barangay 281-26, successfully raided a store in San Nicolas Binondo Manila last March 26, 2020 suspected of selling overpriced Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and alcohol.

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DOF - BOC Donates Fish, Rice to OCD



The Bureau of Customs (BOC) has donated various forfeited goods to the Office of the Civil Defense (OCD) Department of National Defense (DND), following the directive of the Finance Secretary Carlos G. Dominguez to dispose of goods in Customs custody as an aid to poor Filipinos affected by the enhanced community quarantine (ECQ).

On April 7, 2020, the Bureau of Customs signed the Deed of Donation of the 320 containers of rice

[\(See more in page 5\)](#)



**Customs Clark
expedites the
release of COVID-19
Laboratory Equipment
from China**

The Bureau of Customs-Port of Clark expedited the release of US\$2.5-M worth of BGI laboratory equipment from Shenzhen, China last April 22, 2020, secured by the government through a grant assistance from the Asian Development Bank to strengthen the COVID 19 testing capacity of the country.

BOC - Clark personnel led by District Collector Atty. Ruby Claudia Alameda facilitated the arrival, unloading and the necessary examination of the cargoes after formally receiving information that the Philippine Air Force C130 plane loaded with the said equipment arriving at Clark Terminal.

The laboratory equipment consisting of Water Purification System, Fluorescent Quantitative Detection System, Real - time Fluorescent PCR Kit, and other medical devices were imported from Wuhan BGI Clinical Laboratory Limited Company to the Department of Health to aid in the country's fight against COVID-19.

According to the Department of Health, said laboratory equipment can be set up in 7-10 days and can do up to 45,000 tests.



**BOC
DISINFECTS
PREMISES
TO PREVENT
SPREAD OF
COVID-19**

As the country faces the threat posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Bureau of Customs (BOC) conducted cleaning and disinfecting activities for all BOC facilities and ports nationwide. The activity was conducted through the General Services Division (GSD) and District Collection Offices.

In addition, the Bureau also implemented the

disinfecting procedures on vehicles and personnel entering Customs facilities and offices by spraying disinfectant and subjecting persons to foot bath and disinfecting spray. The Bureau shall continuously conduct disinfection and cleaning of BOC offices to maintain a virus free environment and ensure unhampered service to the public.

Other measures against COVID-19 were also implemented such as expediting the distribution of donated facemasks to frontline personnel nationwide. The facemasks were donated by the Federation of Filipino -Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (FFCCCI) and the Philippine Red Cross (PRC).

BOC to work with NBI, DTI vs hoarding and overpricing of PPE traders

On March 27, 2020, The Bureau of Customs (BOC) stated that the Bureau will be closely working with the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) and the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) to ensure that consignees and traders of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), medical supplies and health devices are not hoarding and are compliant with the price freeze order imposed by DTI.

The BOC will be providing essential information in the conduct of investigation against shipments of PPEs released from Customs, and act as liaison with DTI in the monitoring of prices and the conduct of legal arrests by NBI against unscrupulous traders. The inter-agency coordination was carried

out in view of the increasing violations committed by stores overpricing face masks and taking advantage of the high demand for PPEs due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The BOC will be working with the DTI and the NBI to make sure that all PPEs and other medical emergency equipment and supplies we expeditiously released do not fall into the hands of unscrupulous businessmen who, even in this difficult time, take advantage by hoarding or selling these items at very high prices," said Assistant Commissioner and BOC Spokesperson Vincent Philip Maronilla.

The BOC reminds the public, especially traders, that under Republic Act No.

11469 or the Bayanihan to Heal As One Act, the crime of hoarding, profiteering, injurious speculations, manipulation of prices, product deceptions, and cartels, monopolies or other combinations in restraint of trade is punishable with imprisonment of two (2) months or a fine not more than One Million Pesos (P1,000,000.00) or both, in addition to existing laws.

The Bureau assures however that the sharing of information is consistent with the Data Privacy Act of 2012, Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012, Philippine Competition Act of 2015, or the Freedom of Information Program of 2016.



BOC encourages use of online systems

In its bid to promote transparency in government dealings and ensure efficient delivery of customs services, the Bureau of Customs issued Customs Memorandum Order No. 08-2020 which provides the guidelines on the implementation of Zero Contact Policy at BOC's Assessment Offices.

The order applies to all clients dealing with BOC such as Licensed Customs Brokers (LCB), declarants, importers, LCB's representatives, and other stakeholders which covers the processing of goods declaration filed with the assessment offices, stakeholder engagement meetings, and other events and activities.

Under the CMO, documents to be filed with the Bureau must be submitted in hard and electronic Portable Document Format (PDF). Only PDF file type shall be accepted for electronic copies and each document must be submitted as a separate file.

The hardcopy of the goods declaration and the corresponding attachments may be submitted to the Customer Care Center (CCC), or Entry Processing Unit (EPU) or equivalent unit if CCC is not yet operational at the concerned Port. Soft copies of the scanned documents on the other hand may be submitted either thru the Customer Care Portal System (CCPs) or in an external drive (e.g. USB flash drive) to be delivered with the hard copy.

Stakeholders may verify the status of their goods declaration at any time using the Goods Declaration Verification System (GDVS) links or thru the CCPS by opening a ticket and providing the Goods Declaration Reference No. (Entry No.), Consignee name, and other importation details as required. Only one ticket per

goods declaration number is allowed, otherwise duplicate tickets will be closed.

Through the CCPS, the stakeholders may also open an appointment ticket by selecting "Appointment" in the system as the help topic only for valid reasons and still subject for BOC's approval. This may include personal appearance to witness physical examination, request for visits which will be subject to the approval of the District Collector and upon recommendation of the Chief Formal Entry Division. Other appointments include stakeholder engagement meeting and other official events and activities within the BOC premises.

Those with approved appointments shall inform the Customer Care Center or the ESS personnel on-duty of the ticket number for verification in the system and for issuance of an Access Pass ID. No stakeholder inside the Assessment Area is allowed except for those with approved appointment ticket and Access pass ID.

Finally, an alternative link will be provided to the importer/ declarant as a backup system where they may follow-up or inquire on the status of goods declaration in the event of system malfunction or links becomes inaccessible.

BOC implements Tax & Duty-Exempt importations of PPE, medical emergency supplies

The Bureau of Customs (BOC) issues Customs Administrative Order (CAO) 07-2020 that will serve as the guidelines for Tax and Duty Exempt Importations of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and other medical emergency supplies under Section 4(O) of Republic Act 11469 otherwise known as the "Bayanihan To Heal As One Act" in support of our nation's fight against COVID-19.

The aim of this CAO is to expedite customs clearance of tax and duty-exempt importations of PPEs and medical goods which are urgently needed by the country's citizens, frontliners, and medical supplies manufacturers in this public health emergency we are currently facing.

To achieve this, Importers of PPEs and medical equipment and supplies for commercial purposes are now exempted from presenting the Certificate of Product Notification or Certificate of Product Registration issued by the Food and Drugs Administration (FDA) prior to release from the Bureau, provided that they present a copy of their License to Operate (LTO) and proof of application for product notification with the FDA.

However, those importing ventilators, respirators and their respective accessories for commercial purposes only need to present a copy of their LTO.

In addition, imported health products for donation which are certified by regulatory agencies or accredited third party organizations in the originating countries shall be automatically cleared, while an FDA clearance will not be required prior to release of foreign donations of PPEs, ventilators, respirators and their respective accessories which will be used in treating COVID-19 patients.

Imported goods under Sec. 4(O) of the RA 11469 which are released under Provisional Goods Declaration are subject to the submission of Tax Exemption Indorsement (TEI) issued by the Department of Finance - Revenue Office (DOF-RO) after 12 April 2020 or upon lifting of the declaration of ECQ, whichever comes earlier

In relation to this order, the Bureau of Internal Revenue issued Revenue Memorandum Order 10-2020 in which Authority to Release Imported Goods (ATRIG) is no longer required for importations of PPEs and medical emergency supplies.

BOC-NAIA One-Stop-Shop to further expedite emergency goods importations

Bureau of Customs-NAIA has organised a ONE-STOP-SHOP (OSS) in its main office to attend to all concerns on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) importations.

The One - Stop - Shop aims to assist stakeholders by expediting the release of Imported Relief Goods/ Articles/ Equipment/ Medical Supplies intended as donations and attend to all inquiries and concerns related to the importation of PPEs and emergency goods.

The OSS will also be responsible in coordinating with other government agencies

in processing donated relief goods / articles / equipment/ medical supplies.

This initiative is in line with Customs Commissioner Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero's directive to expedite the release of medical and PPE shipments that will be used to contain COVID-19.

For inquiries and concerns, stakeholders may visit the One-Stop-Shop located at NAIA Customs house building or you may directly contact BOC NAIA Feedback Team at 09328443390 or 09661473166 or email us at bocnaiafeedback@gmail.com.



DOF, BOC, NGAs implements order for clearance of relief consignments during State of Calamity

The Department of Finance, Bureau of Customs, and other National Government Agencies have signed the Joint Administrative Order No. 20-01 which tackles the clearance of relief consignments entered during a state of calamity, providing a mechanism for the expedited release of Relief Consignments while embodying the transparent procedures in the processing of the same. The JAO, signed last March 16, 2020 took effect on March 21, 2020 after its complete publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

During a state of calamity, the donated or leased relief consignment, including equipment, entered shall be exempt from payment of duties and taxes. In order to avail of the privilege, the donations of relief consignments must satisfy provided conditions. Food, medicines, medical supplies, clothing and other in-kind donations must be donated only to a Qualified-Donee (government institution, or private entity accredited by respective government agency), must be imported only during a state of calamity, and must be for free distribution or use of the affected population while equipment and materials for shelter must be intended for specific calamity-affected area during operations and be leased only to government institutions or accredited private entities.

The Philippine International Humanitarian Assistance Reception Center - One Stop Shop (PIHARC-OSS) Facility shall be adopted as the facilitation center for relief consignment including the issuance of documents and entitlement of entry as Relief Consignments and their expedited release from customs custody. As for the processing at the One Stop Shop,

the Donor, Donee or its duly authorized representatives shall inform the PIHARC-OSS, thru the Department of Foreign Affairs, the incoming donation prior to arrival of the shipment. Upon receipt of the documentary requirements, the OSS shall issue the Relief Consignment Supplemental Form which serves as proof of entitlement to tax and duty exemptions and clearance, if necessary, for release. The Bureau shall then process the release of Relief Consignment under the following simplified clearance procedure.

The facilitated Relief Consignments shall not be allowed entry for consumption into the domestic territory unless the proper duties, taxes and other charges have been paid and equipment which are not re-exported within the prescribed period or for which no payment of the proper duties, taxes and other charges has been made, shall be proceeded against in accordance with existing provisions.

Unless the PIHARC-OSS is activated by the NDRRMC, processing of Relief Consignments entered during a local state of calamity as declared by the local sanggunian shall follow the regular procedures in the processing of donations, including application for the requisite permits and licenses from the concerned regulatory agencies and the Tax Exemption Indorsement (TEI) from the DOF.

BOC marks fuel products amid COVID-19 pandemic

COVID-19 brought along different work arrangements in the government: Work From Home and Skeleton Force for selected offices; normal operation for frontline offices. Amidst the threat posed by this virus, the Bureau of Customs (BOC) and the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) continue to mark large volume of imported and refined fuel products.

Based on the BOC data, the volume of petroleum products marked in all marking refineries and terminals nationwide has reached 7,041,752,018 liters from September 2019 to April 23, 2020. Luzon has the highest share of marked fuel volume at 75%, while Visayas has 5% and Mindanao at 20%.

Twenty oil companies in the country participated in the program. These include Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation, Petron Corporation, Seaoil Philippines, Unioil Petroleum Philippines, Phoenix Petroleum Corporation, Chevron Philippines, Inc., Oilink International Bataan, Insular Oil Corporation, Total Philippines/Filoil, Jetti Petroleum, Inc., PTT Philippines Corp., Marubeni Corporation, Micro Dragon Petroleum Corporation, Warbucks Industries Corp., High Glory Subic International Logistics, ERA1 Petroleum Corporation, Golden Share Commerce and Trading, Inc., SL Gas, Jade Link Subic, Inc. and SL Harbor.

Fuel Marking Program is mandated by the Republic Act 10963 or the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) law, wherein imported and refined fuel products for domestic consumption with proof of payment of duties and taxes will be marked with the official fuel marker.

BOC fuel marking operations will continue during the extended period of the community quarantine.

BOC on-track to becoming ISO Certified

Since the creation of the Interim Quality Management System Office (IQMSO) on the 16th of May 2019, the office was able to audit the Office of the Commissioner (OCOM) and 11 Collection Districts including their Sub Ports.

The audits are part of the Bureau's effort along with undergoing ISO certification to become a modernized and world-class organization, with the Port of Batangas having achieved such feat back in August 2019 and set to undergo Surveillance Audit later this year.

With the on-going effort of the IQMSO and everyone else in the Bureau of Customs, the Sub Ports of Dumaguete and Mactan are set to undergo ISO Certification Audit in the coming months to be followed by the OCOM, Port of Davao, Sub Port of Iligan, Port of Clark and the Port of Manila before the year ends.

This will be a continuing effort with the Ports of Legaspi and Tacloban slated to undergo the same process next year as the agency further boost its services, systems and processes for the benefit of its stakeholders.



MedTecs Int'l Corporation Ltd. donates face masks to Customs

In support to the Bureau of Customs' mandate on border protection, trade facilitation and revenue collection, the Bureau last April 28, 2020, received 24,000 pieces of face masks donated by the MedTecs International Corporation Ltd represented

by Ms. Via E. Cataquis, Vice President - Local Sales and Marketing, at the MedTecs office in Makati City.

The face masks were received by Administrative Service Director Michael Fermin with Port of Limay Collector Miko Vargas and

General Services Division Chief Raquel De Jesus. The donation was done amidst the Coronavirus Disease-2019 (COVID-19) scare which has disrupted the global supply of PPE, medical supplies, among others.

Agencies like the BOC

interact daily with inbound travelers, and some of whom may be carriers of the virus. For this reason, the BOC frontliners shall stay protected to help stem the local transmission of COVID-19.

BOC suspends 7-day period to lodge Goods Declaration

The Bureau of Customs (BOC) recognizes that the outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) has significant impact on the operations of BOC in terms of risks related to exposure of external and internal stakeholders while physically transacting with the ports and offices in the Bureau.

In light of the declaration of the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) by the President, the Bureau of Customs suspends the 7-day period to lodge goods declaration for the duration of the emergency.

At any time during the declaration of ECQ, lodgement and filing of goods declaration may be made within fifteen (15) days from the date of discharge last package. The period to file goods declaration may however be extended for another fifteen (15) days on valid grounds upon request, which may be done

personally or online by opening a Ticket at the Customer Care Portal System (CCPS) at client.customs.gov.ph, duly acknowledged by the Bureau. The order shall cover shipments with date of discharge of last package starting March 10, 2020.

BOC extends accreditation of stakeholders amidst enhanced community quarantine

As concerns grow in regard to stakeholder accreditation amidst the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ), the Bureau of Customs (BOC) issued on March 19 a memorandum extending the accreditation of stakeholders who were unable to process their renewal papers due to the imposed quarantine.

Under the memorandum, the extension shall include the Importers, Customs Brokers, SGL Importers, Customs Facilities and Warehouses, Customs Bonded Warehouses and other third parties transacting and accredited by the Bureau

The memo further clarifies that stakeholders with expired accreditation during the quarantine period shall be given one (1) month from the lifting of the ECQ to submit their application for accreditation renewal.

DOF - BOC Donates Fish, Rice to OCD

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On April 7, 2020, the Bureau of Customs signed the Deed of Donation of the 320 containers of rice and 186 containers of frozen bonito, mackerel, moonfish, squid and round scad at the Manila International Container Port (MICP) which were abandoned / forfeited and were deemed properties of the government pursuant to Section 1129 and 1130 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA).

The said donation is pursuant to the provisions of the Joint Administrative Order No. 20-01 that abandoned or forfeited cargoes shall be given to the OCD for distribution.

To ensure that donations

are really fit for human consumption, the goods shall undergo examination and certification with the Bureau of Plant Industry and the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources prior to its distribution.

Under Section 1141 (Mode of Disposition) of the CMTA, goods in BOC's custody that are up for disposal "may be donated to another government agency or declared for official use of the Bureau, after approval of the Secretary of Finance, or sold at a public auction at the Port where the goods are located and published electronically or in a newspaper of general circulation."





Philippine Red Cross donates face masks to BOC

The Bureau of Customs received 25,000 pieces of face masks donated by the Philippine Red Cross (PRC) led by PRC Chairman and CEO Senator Richard J. Gordon at the Philippine Red Cross headquarters at Mandaluyong City last February 24, 2020.

The face masks were received by the Customs Commissioner Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero together with Public Information and Assistance Division Chief Bienvenido Datuin Jr. and General Services Division Chief Raquel De Jesus. The donation was done amid the Coronavirus Disease - 2019 (COVID-19) scare which has produced disruption in the global supply of face masks, gowns, gloves and other



protective gear.

Sen. Gordon said that the donation of 25,000 pieces of face masks is in line with his pronouncement that government front - liners should be given priority in the distribution of face masks and other protective gear because they come directly in contact with infected persons or possible carriers of the disease.

"We have to provide our front-liners with face masks

and other protective gear. Our doctors, nurses, and other hospital personnel come in close contact with people infected with the novel coronavirus and patients under investigation.

Likewise, the personnel of agencies like the Bureau of Immigration, Bureau of Customs, airports and seaports and the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) also interact daily with inbound travellers, some of whom may

be carriers of the disease. We should protect our front-liners and help prevent local transmission of COVID-19," he said.

"We did not expect to be included in the list of agencies that will be given face masks. But we are very, very grateful. We give our whole-hearted thanks to the noble cause of PRC and of course, to Sen. Gordon,"
- Commissioner Guerrero

BOC elaborates processes in Joint Admin Order 20-01



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including but not limited to out of gauge cargoes, both for terminal and scheduled to arrive.

Importers / consignees are directed to effect the immediate withdrawal of reefer containers, or face abandonment proceedings. For cargoes at terminal, refrigerated containers must be pulled out within 7 days, 5 in case of chilled cargoes, from the issuance of the Order. Additionally, cargoes beyond 30 days from date of discharge are required to be withdrawn within 5 days from issuance of the Order. On the other hand, reefer containers scheduled to arrive after the issuance of the Order must be withdrawn within 10 days

from discharge.

For the customs clearance as stated in the Order, the importers/consignees shall lodge the goods declaration within 2 days from the date of discharge. Lodgement prior to arrival of vessel is however allowed for reefer containers. The BOC shall then issue the final assessment within 24 hours from the date of online filing. The importers or consignees on the other hand will do the payment of duties, taxes, and other charges within 24 hours from the date of issuance of final assessment and claim the goods within 3 days or 24 hours in case of reefer containers, from the date of payment. Shipping lines are

ordered to release all Delivery Orders (DO) within 24 hours upon payment by the consignee of all shipping charges. It shall waive demurrage charges for each day of delay, if it fails to issue DO within the prescribed period.

On a different note, the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) shall provide free storage for all goods cleared for release by the BOC for a maximum of five (5) days from date of discharge and shall be withdrawn during the period. Otherwise, PPA is hereby directed to transfer the cargoes, including out of gauge cargoes to a designated offsite location at the expense of the importer/consignee.

Considering the state of national health emergency, the BOC shall continue to implement and improve the BOC online systems allowing the e-lodgment and online filing of goods declaration, including online payment of duties and taxes, acceptance of electronic copies of import permits, clearances and other documents to expedite processing of transaction.

Along with the foregoing, the BOC has also started processing Provisional Goods Declaration (PGD) and the adoption of Green Lane Process flow for importers or consignees of basic necessities, jointly identified by a set criteria.



Customs Davao donates various medical equipment to SPMC



The Bureau of Customs Davao donated various medical equipment to Southern Philippines Medical Center on March 31, 2020. Being the central care unit of Davao Region and the largest government hospital in Mindanao, this donation will boost their patient-care capacity making sure that all patients coming in are properly taken care of and accommodated.

“Being frontliners ourselves, we remain committed to the call of duty to ensure that goods are released without undue delay in this time of crisis.”
– District Collector **Erastus Sandino B. Austria**



Led by District Collector, Atty. Erastus Sandino B. Austria, the Port of Davao Collection District XII delivered a total of eight 40-foot container vans delivered in three batches: three vans on March 28, another three on the 29th and the remaining vans on the following day containing gurneys, wheelchairs, bed-side and operating tables, dialysis chairs, medical trolleys and crutches, pharmaceutical refrigerators and sterilizers.

SPMC Medical Chief, Dr. Leopoldo J. Vega officially received the donations on March 30, expressing his gratitude as these will add-up to their current medical facilities for their frontline workers and patients.

“In the midst of this global pandemic, BOC Davao gives its full commitment to support the efforts of our frontliners, health workers, volunteers, local government leaders and the chair of the Regional COVID-19 Task Force, Mayor Inday Sara Duterte.” Atty. Austria said.

Customs Davao also assures the public of full operations despite being on skeletal work arrangements and the expeditious release of all commodities especially Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), medical equipment and donations arriving in its ports of entries. “Being frontliners ourselves, we remain committed to the call of duty to ensure that goods are released without undue delay in this time of crisis.” Atty. Austria said.





BOC IN ACTION

PROTECTING THE BORDER AND THE FILIPINOS FROM COVID-19

Sa mga bagong bayani na patuloy na nagbibigay serbisyo sa kabila ng panganib ng COVID-19

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Thank you @CustomsPH 🙏❤️ 'Worst is yet to come unless DOH, FDA act with urgency' says Lacson [rappler.com/nation/255897-...](https://www.rappler.com/nation/255897-...) - please speak with the Senator regarding the details. Thank you for your response to this concern. 🙏

- Kristina "KC" Concepcion



- Richard Juan

"Very good. Thank you again, Kabayan. If there is a rating system, I will give you 10/10 for your service. Thanks po and God bless"

- Feredico Manuel III

"This is great news! Thank you for all your help! We highlight your prompt responses and assistance in this matter"

- Feblyn Condino

"This is to inform you that my package arrived already. Thank you for all your efforts of finding it. I really appreciate it"

- Anne Dela Rosa

"Thank you very much to all of you (BOC CARES, BOC NAIA, and CMEC Team) for the immediate response and real time updating of the status of my parcel"

- Christniel Miran

"Many many thanks for your assistance, effort, help, support in locating my parcel. Your very quick action on resolving this is highly appreciated"

- Marcos Dimailig

"Thank you very much BOC-CARES for the prompt assistance, accurate and fast response service. Keep up the good work."

- Charlyn



BOC-NAIA nabs claimant of 1,073 tablets of ecstasy worth Php 1.824 Million



The Bureau of Customs-NAIA, in coordination with the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) and the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Inter-Agency Drug Interdiction Task Group (NAIA - IADITG), apprehended two parcels containing 1,073 ecstasy pills worth Php 1,824,100.00 at the Central Mail Exchange Center (CMEC) in Pasay city last March 12, 2020.

Both parcels came from Leusden, Netherlands and were declared as “bags of candy”. Upon 100% physical examination of the packages, it was found that a total of four (4) sealed clear plastics suspected to contain ecstasy tablets were concealed in caramel candy bags.

Laboratory test conducted by the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) yielded positive results for ecstasy.

The suspect was identified as Kim Fuentes from Makati city who was arrested while claiming the said parcels.

The consignee and the ecstasy tablets were turned over to the PDEA for inquest proceedings for violation of the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act (Republic Act 9165) in relation to Sections 118 (Prohibited Importation), 1113 (Goods Liable for Seizure and Forfeiture) and 1401 (Unlawful Importation) of the Republic Act 10863, otherwise known as the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA).

NAIA Customs nabs another claimant of ecstasy tablets worth Php 3.7 Million

Bureau of Customs - Port of NAIA, in coordination with the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) and NAIA Inter-Agency Drug Interdiction Task Group (NAIA -IADITG), apprehended a claimant of parcel containing ecstasy pills worth Php3,745,100 million at the Central Mail Exchange Center (CMEC) in Pasay City last March 16, 2020.

The parcel was identified to originate from Utrecht, Netherlands and was declared as “Gondoliere Coffee (Arabica)”. Upon 100% physical examination, it yielded 2,203 ecstasy tablets concealed in coffee packaging. The field test conducted by the PDEA and

Customs Anti-Illegal Drugs Task Force (CAIDTF) yielded positive results indicative of Ecstasy.

The arrested claimant was identified as a certain Rex C. Andrade from Quezon city. The claimant and seized ecstasy tablets were turned over to PDEA for institution of inquest proceedings for violation of the Republic Act 9165 also known as Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act in relation to Section 1401 (Unlawful Importation) of the Republic Act 10863, otherwise known as the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA).



BOC-CIIS apprehends Php 15 Million worth of suspected smuggled PPE in Manila

The Bureau of Customs Customs Intelligence and Investigation (BOC - CIIS) Service and the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) last March 31, 2020 raided three (3) shops in Sta. Cruz Manila suspected of selling smuggled Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

With a Letter of Authority (LOA) issued by Commissioner Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero, elements of BOC-CIIS and the PCG raided the shops located

in Rizal Avenue Sta. Cruz Manila at noontime today. The raid resulted to the recovery of various PPE such as gloves, facemasks (surgical and N95) and goggles with an estimated value of 15 million pesos. The said shipments were suspected to be mis declared as general merchandise when imported into the country. Smuggled PPE may pose a health risk to users since such items may not comply with the safety standards set by the

government rendering them not fit for human utilization.

The CIIS is currently doing inventory of the said products and are giving store owners 15 days to present necessary documents to prove that the items were legally imported into the country. If proven that the PPE were smuggled the store owners may face charges of smuggling in relation to the provisions of The Customs Modernization Act (CMTA).

The latest apprehension is in line with the President Rodrigo Roa Duterte's marching order to go after unscrupulous individuals who are taking advantage of the COVID-19 pandemic. Recently, the BOC also apprehended a shop selling PPE and alcohol at exorbitantly high prices online to users in need of such medical supplies.



BOC intercepts Php 1.1 Million in NAIA

The Bureau of Customs – Port of NAIA intercepted 1.1 million Philippine Pesos from a passenger from Kota Kinabalu who arrived via AirAsia Flight No. Z2 502 last March 6, 2020 at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) Terminal 3.

The Philippine currency was seized for violation of Republic Act No. 10863 (Customs Modernization and Tariff Act) in relation to Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Circular No. 922 s.2016 on Cross-Border Transfer of Local and Foreign Currencies.

The incident started when the duty Customs Examiner noticed a passenger and his two companions acting suspiciously. He then directed the passenger identified thru his Malaysian passport as GAN KANG HSIUNG, male, 32 years old, to bring his checked-in baggage to the Customs examination lane.

The Customs Intelligence and Investigation Service (CIIS) and Enforcement and Security Service (ESS) operatives assisted the Examiner in undertaking the examination. Initial results yielded bundles of Philippine peso bills.

The importation or exportation of Philippine currency is regulated under

the BSP Advisory on Cross - Border Transfer of Local and Foreign Currencies, wherein a person may bring in and out of the Philippines not more than Php 50,000.00. Any amount exceeding Php 50,000.00 will require authorization from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) prior to importation or exportation.

BOC monitors influx of Foreign Currencies

The Bureau of Customs heightened its efforts to address influx of suspicious large amounts of foreign currency into the country.

There are several groups of passenger-couriers declaring huge amount of foreign currency have been identified by the BOC through its sustained monitoring efforts.

The BOC reported that it is addressing the matter and has already been working silently with the Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC), Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) and other intelligence and law enforcement agencies including Congress.

Under existing laws, amounts of foreign currency exceeding \$10,000.00 in value are allowed to be brought into the country for as long as it is declared.



BOC-Zamboanga intercepts Php 8.275 Million worth of smuggled cigarettes

Amidst global pandemic brought by COVID-19, the Bureau of Customs (BOC) - Customs Intelligence and Investigation Service (CIIS) Zamboanga Operatives, in coordination with the Naval Intelligence and Security Group - Western Mindanao (NISG-WM) and Naval Special Operating Unit (NAVSOU), intercepted on April 14, 2020 assorted smuggled cigarettes onboard MJ NR 4 in Brgy. Lower Calarian, Zamboanga City.

The operation stemmed from an information received that a motor junkung is loaded with alleged smuggled cigarettes from Jolo, Sulu anchored within the vicinity of Stanvac Lower Calarian, Zamboanga City.

Upon inspection of the subject vessel, the operatives discovered more or less 300 master cases of smuggled Bravo, Fort, Tradition, LS, and Astro cigarettes with

estimated value of Php 8,275,000.00.

The shipment will be subjected to issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention (WSD) for lack of permit from the National Tobacco Administration (NTA) and for violation of Executive Order No. 245 (Amended Rules and Regulations Governing the Exportation and Importation of Tobacco and Tobacco Products) and Section 117 of the Republic Act No. 10863 (Customs Modernization and Tariff Act) in relation to Section 1113 paragraphs f and g thereof.

District Collector Segundo Sigmundfreud Barte Jr. assures the public that BOC Zamboanga will continue to intensify its campaign against smuggled cigarettes alongside the continuing efforts against COVID 19 in the city.

BOC apprehends worth Php 5 Million worth of PPE and Alcohol

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Armed with a letter of authority (LOA), elements of the BOC-CIIS and PCG raided the Binondo store at 9:20 am which resulted to the apprehension of Php 5,000,000.00 worth of facemasks, gloves, goggles, alcohols, thermal scanners, test tubes and syringes. Owners of the store were not around during the raid as the team was only assisted

by the building administrator and store personnel. The establishment was further verified to have been undergoing renovation and only operating through online transactions.

Investigation revealed that the store's online operations charge online buyers with exorbitant prices or almost four times the suggested retail price. The BOC-CIIS is now doing an inventory of

apprehended goods.

The owners have 15 days to present importation documents to prove that the said items were legally procured and if not, they shall face charges for smuggling in violation of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA).





ARTA Chief lauds BOC for efforts against red-tape

The Bureau of Customs (BOC) was recognized by the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) Director-General Jeremiah B. Belgica during his visit to the BOC last February 26, 2020 for its efforts to simplify frontline processes, automate systems and implement a zero - contact policy in compliance with ARTA's thrust to reduce red tape and expedite government processes.

The ARTA chief also praised the Bureau for being one of the first agencies to comply with ARTA's requirement to produce a citizen's charter handbook. "You are a beacon of light to the BOC" stated Belgica to Commissioner Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero as he delivered his message thanking the BOC for the accommodation extended to

the ARTA delegation.

DG Belgica further stressed the importance of inter agency cooperation in achieving true change. He also added that the BOC was not part of the top 5 agencies to which ARTA is focused on and that indeed the current BOC administration is doing well.

"The BOC has been a great partner not only by the ARTA but also in the reforms that our President has been really pushing for," Belgica added.

Recently, the Bureau issued a memorandum in compliance to ARTA Memorandum Circular No. 2020-02, directing BOC offices to conduct and submit on or before March 2, 2020 an inventory of all pending simple, complex and highly-technical transactions



as of February 14, 2020, as well as those which are not acted upon beyond the prescribed processing time in accordance with the updated Citizen's Charter, and to issue/release the application or request as automatically approved or automatically extended, as the case may be. For his part, BOC

Commissioner Rey Guerrero thanked DG Belgica and ARTA for their visit and committed better coordination to further improve services and trade facilitation. "Rest assured that the BOC will work closely with ARTA in achieving effective and lasting reforms," Guerrero said.

NEDA-ICC approves BOC Modernization Project

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It further supports the present BOC leadership's 10 Point Priority Program anchored on organizational efficiency, upgrading the individual proficiency and strengthening institutional capabilities by automation of processes and integration of systems for ease of doing business. This covers streamlining of operations, development of systems and deployment of ICT infrastructure, in line with international standards. It also aims to support key border management agencies

to reform and achieve transparency, accountability predictability; reduce time to process imports and exports; lower trade transaction costs; and improve revenue collection performance, while strengthening the controls associated with community protection and national security objectives.

Among the features of the project is the modernization of frontline and back-office functions of the BOC through a Customs Processing System (CPS) and the Administrative Back - Office Enterprise Resource Planning

(ABERP). The CPS will encompass all the features and functionalities of the current E2M customs module; a strengthened value-added functions and an integrated system for both imports and exports to be operated over a single environment platform capable of paperless transaction processing. The ABERP will complement the modernization of the frontline services through integration, management, and automation of the BOC's back-office functions related to technology, services, and human resources.

The Phil. Modernization Project will be partly financed by the World Bank. The project cost is Php 5.44 billion, with 84.58% to be financed through Official Development Assistance (ODA) loan, while the remaining 15.42% will be financed through local funds.

The project's construction period will be for five (5) years beginning 2020 with partial implementation to start on the 4th year or 2023 with full completion in 2024.

BOC Commended by Misamis Oriental Solon for Ongoing Efforts in Re-Exporting Verde Soko Waste Despite ECQ

The Misamis Oriental 2nd District Representative Juliette T. Uy lauded the Bureau of Customs for the continuous processing of the remaining 2,500 MT of Verde Soko waste to be re-exported to South Korea despite delays brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Congresswoman Uy, as the Principal Author of the

House Bill 3461 or the Total Ban on Import and Export of Wastes Act, issued a letter of gratitude thanking Customs Commissioner Rey Leonardo Guerrero and the Department of Finance for commitment in re-exporting the wastes.

The re-exportation of the remaining 2,500 MT of wastes is currently being delayed by restrictions due to the

on-going health crisis and the difficulties of re-bagging the said wastes already exposed to natural elements. The Customs Chief however, assured that the Bureau, through the Collection District of Cagayan de Oro headed by District Collector John Simon, will undertake all necessary means in accordance with the law to expedite the

re-exportation of the wastes to South Korea.

The Solon ended her letter by vowing to continue working with the BOC in bringing the Verde Soko case to its proper conclusion through the prosecution of all persons and organizations involved in the matter.



BOC to roll-out Electronic Cargo Tracking System

The Bureau of Customs (BOC) will roll - out the Electronic Tracking of Containerized Cargo System (E-TRACC System) in various BOC ports nationwide as part of its thrust to automate Customs operations and processes towards enhanced trade facilitation and strengthened border protection.

E-TRACC System was established following the issuance of the Customs Memorandum Order (CMO) 04-2020 which implements Customs Administrative Order (CAO) 15-2019 in relation to Sections 1418 to 1421 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA).

The System shall enable the Bureau real - time monitoring of inland movements of containerized goods using an Information and Communications Technology-enabled system such as the GPS-enabled tracking device to secure its transport to the intended destination.

Cargoes covered by this system are the following: (1) Transit Containers bound for Economic Zones; (2) Transit Containers bound for Free Zones; (3) Containers Bound for Customs Bonded Warehouse; (4) Containers Bound for Export; and (5) Reefer Containers bound for second border

inspection.

Under CMO 04-2020, all container vans covered in this order shall be affixed with an Electronic Customs Seal (ECS) before clearance to depart from the Port of Discharge to the Port of Destination is given. ECS is a GPS-enabled sealing device or lock that is capable of physically securing cargo and providing real-time location information.

The E-TRACC system software platform shall be used by the BOC Piers Inspection Division (PID) to track and monitor the movement of the cargo that is sealed with the Electronic Customs Seal. It shall track the goods in real-time and provide alarms in case of unauthorized trips, tampering of the device, deviation of the vehicle from authorized routes, or other events that are deemed unusual based on criteria to be determined by the Bureau.

(E-TRACC System will be rolled out in June 2020 initially covering the Manila International Container Port, Port of Manila, and Port of Batangas. This will be followed by Cebu, Davao, Subic and Clark in July 2020. The Bureau-wide roll-out and full implementation of the system in all ports is expected to ensue in August 2020.)

BOC-Davao hosts Stakeholders Dialogue

The Bureau of Customs – Port of Davao hosted its 1st Stakeholder’s Dialogue on March 11 at the SEDA Abreeza in Davao City. The dialogue was an opportunity for importers, exporters, and customs brokers to raise their opinions, expectations, and inquiries on various Customs policies and procedures.

During the event, participants from the Chamber of Customs Brokers Davao and Gensan Chapters, Port of Davao’s top exporters - importers and brokers discussed inquiries on the abandonment proceedings, brokers accreditation, the National Value Verification System, entry lodgment, payment procedures and other general questions.

Led by Atty. Julito Doria, Acting Chief, Prosecution Litigation Division and Atty. Erastus Sandino Austria, Customs Davao District Collector, every stakeholder’s inquiry were answered and clarified.

Accomplishments of the BOC and Port of Davao were also presented, specifically the implementation of the Customer Care Center (CCC).

The CCC simplifies customs procedures by streamlining processes and by creating a central location for all Customs transactions at every district office. It lessens the employee - customer contact which in turn diminishes opportunities for graft and corruption.

This is BOCs' response to the mandates of the Anti-Red Tape Act and the Ease of Doing Business Act.

Customer Care Centers have already been established at the Port of Manila (POM) and the Office of the Commissioner (OCOMM). Other Customs districts, including the Port of Davao, will soon build the same center at their respective offices.

“Conversations like these are avenues for us in government and you in the private sector to get a better sense of each other’s goals and viewpoints. And through this, we are able to review our current process, incubate ideas for reform, and arrive at better solutions.” Atty. Austria said on his welcome message.

Atty. Doria ensured that the sentiments raised by the BOC Davao stakeholders will be endorsed to the Commissioner for his guidance and policies.

Similarly, Atty. Austria assured stakeholders that the Port of Davao will continue to implement reforms in furtherance of the ease of doing business law.

BOC-Dumaguete gets nod to proceed to the final stage of ISO audit certification

The Subport of Dumaguete is now ready for ISO 9001:2015 Certification. This was the statement of Xavier Lance Dy, Lead Auditor of TÜV Süd Management Service, a German auditing and certification service provider, after the Subport successfully breezed through the first stage of the External Audit last March 03, 2020.

The feat was made possible through the dynamic leadership of Ms. Fe Lluelyn Toring, Port Collector of Dumaguete and the cooperation of the men and women of the subport, with the assistance of the District Port of Cebu and members of the BOC Quality Management System Coordinating Team (BOC-QMSCT).

The external audit focused on the review of the subport’s management system, documented information, evaluation of site-specific conditions,

discussions to determine the personnel’s preparedness, and review on the status and understanding on port standards.

The ISO 9001:2015 certification is an international standard that specifies requirements for a quality management system. Organizations use the standard to demonstrate the ability to consistently provide products and services that meet customer and regulatory requirements.

The final leg of the audit is scheduled within the second quarter of this year. Upon completion, the Subport of Dumaguete will be the first Subport to receive the ISO 9001:2015 certification.

The ISO certification of the Sub-port of Dumaguete is one of the priority programs for 2020 of the Bureau of Customs.



Strengthening Regional Customs Enforcement: BOC Hosts the 27th Meeting of the ASEAN CECWG

The ASEAN Customs Enforcement and Compliance Working Group (CECWG) held its 27th Meeting in Cebu, Philippines last February 25-27, 2020. The three-day meeting was presided by Chairman Sazali Mohamad, State Deputy Director of the Customs of the Royal Malaysian Customs Department and attended by the delegates from ASEAN member - states - Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, VietNam, Thailand and Singapore, including the representatives from Australian Border Force, Intellectual Property Office Philippines (IPOP), and Japan Ministry of Finance.

In his opening remarks delivered on 25 February 2020, Atty. Charlito Martin R. Mendoza, Acting District Collector of the Port of Cebu, emphasized that the regional cooperation goes both ways "On one hand, by showing and sharing to our neighbors where we are strong and effective and how our best practices may be used by others and, on the other hand, it is also showing and sharing where we are struggling, where we may be inefficient, where compliance is low, where we need

support and assistance from our neighbors. Our unity is our strongest assault and defense against any threat, new or old, to customs compliance and enforcement".

Echoing the same confidence, Chairman Sazali Mohamad commended the CECWG as the best platform to promote regional customs enforcement and compliance efforts among the ASEAN nations. He highlighted the significant progresses achieved by the CECWG over the past two years despite the roadblocks in the implementation.

The CECWG Meeting commenced on the review on the works undertaken from the decisions of the previous 26th CECWG Meeting held in Bali, Indonesia. Delegates presented to CECWG the efforts adopted by each member-states on customs development, enforcement, mutual assistance, including regional public security and protection of the society.

Among the topics of significant interest are issues relating to the intellectual property rights and transboundary waste. Atty. Theodoro Pascua and Atty. Marlita Dagsa from Intellectual Property Office -Philippines who represented

ASEAN Network of IP Enforcement Experts (ANIEE) briefed the CECWG on some initiatives handled by ANIEE which include anti - piracy information campaigns and collation of IP-related cases for statistical data and analysis. Atty. Pascua and Dagsa extended the interest of ANIEE for deeper cooperation with the CECWG on customs enforcement relating to intellectual property violations.

The CECWG also noted issues pertaining to activities aimed at combating transboundary disposal of plastic waste. The delegates acknowledged the procedural and practical aspects revolving around the issue considering that this involves not only customs administration but also cross - border crimes and activities. The CECWG was in consensus to tackle the topic further and emphasized the need for collaboration with other ASEAN bodies to explore the issues involved.

The Australian Border Force presented a concept on real - time intelligence and information sharing on tobacco movement. The delegates supported the concept and proposed that the model of operations be

consistent with the member states domestic laws and regulations.

Japan Ministry of Finance, on the other hand, promoted cooperation to battle dangerous drugs smuggling. The CECWG aspired for joint workshops with Japan to discuss the enforcement area on the regional anti-drug smuggling campaign.

DC Teddy Raval of the Enforcement Group led the closing ceremony marking the conclusion of the successful 27th Meeting of the ASEAN CECWG. In his remarks, he applauded the works of the CECWG whose labors benefit the member-states beyond borders.

Despite challenges brought about by borderless economy, DC Raval pointed out that the real issue before us is not the debate about our differences but to see how technological process can be better channeled to promote growth and more trade and in the process help our nations and its neighbors to remerge.

The ASEAN Secretariat and the delegates expressed their appreciation to the Bureau of Customs Philippines for the hospitality and excellent arrangements made for the Meeting.



COLLECTION UPDATE



I PORT OF SAN FERNANDO	
MARCH	APRIL
P239M <i>(Actual Collection)</i>	P389M <i>(Actual Collection)</i>
P433M <i>(Target Collection)</i>	P423M <i>(Target Collection)</i>

II-A PORT OF MANILA	
MARCH	APRIL
P4,486M <i>(Actual Collection)</i>	P4,046M <i>(Actual Collection)</i>
P8,134M <i>(Target Collection)</i>	P7,962M <i>(Target Collection)</i>

II-B MANILA INTERNATIONAL CONTAINER PORT	
MARCH	APRIL
P11,160M <i>(Actual Collection)</i>	P11,358M <i>(Actual Collection)</i>
P16,366M <i>(Target Collection)</i>	P16,019M <i>(Target Collection)</i>

III NINYO AQUINO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT	
MARCH	APRIL
P2,732M <i>(Actual Collection)</i>	P1,750M <i>(Actual Collection)</i>
P3,901M <i>(Target Collection)</i>	P3,818M <i>(Target Collection)</i>

IV PORT OF BATANGAS	
MARCH	APRIL
P12,428M <i>(Actual Collection)</i>	P6,680M <i>(Actual Collection)</i>
P14,166M <i>(Target Collection)</i>	P13,865M <i>(Target Collection)</i>

V PORT OF LEGAZPI	
MARCH	APRIL
P48M <i>(Actual Collection)</i>	P24M <i>(Actual Collection)</i>
P51M <i>(Target Collection)</i>	P50M <i>(Target Collection)</i>

VI PORT OF ILOILO	
MARCH	APRIL
P261M <i>(Actual Collection)</i>	P114M <i>(Actual Collection)</i>
P287M <i>(Target Collection)</i>	P281M <i>(Target Collection)</i>

VII PORT OF CEBU	
MARCH	APRIL
P2,641M <i>(Actual Collection)</i>	P1,825M <i>(Actual Collection)</i>
P2,932M <i>(Target Collection)</i>	P2870M <i>(Target Collection)</i>

VIII PORT OF TACLOBAN	
MARCH	APRIL
P210M <i>(Actual Collection)</i>	P111M <i>(Actual Collection)</i>
P120M <i>(Target Collection)</i>	P117M <i>(Target Collection)</i>

IX PORT OF SURIGAO	
MARCH	APRIL
P0.22M <i>(Actual Collection)</i>	P0.13M <i>(Actual Collection)</i>
P2M <i>(Target Collection)</i>	P2M <i>(Target Collection)</i>

X PORT OF CAGAYAN DE ORO	
MARCH	APRIL
P2,519M <i>(Actual Collection)</i>	P1,955M <i>(Actual Collection)</i>
P2,677M <i>(Target Collection)</i>	P2,650M <i>(Target Collection)</i>

XI PORT OF ZAMBOANGA	
MARCH	APRIL
P420M <i>(Actual Collection)</i>	P260M <i>(Actual Collection)</i>
P419M <i>(Target Collection)</i>	P381M <i>(Target Collection)</i>

XII PORT OF DAVAO	
MARCH	APRIL
P2,315M <i>(Actual Collection)</i>	P2,292M <i>(Actual Collection)</i>
P2,506M <i>(Target Collection)</i>	P2,453M <i>(Target Collection)</i>

XIII PORT OF SUBIC	
MARCH	APRIL
P2,067M <i>(Actual Collection)</i>	P1,791M <i>(Actual Collection)</i>
P2,686M <i>(Target Collection)</i>	P2,629M <i>(Target Collection)</i>

XIV CLARK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT	
MARCH	APRIL
P160M <i>(Actual Collection)</i>	P73M <i>(Actual Collection)</i>
P163M <i>(Target Collection)</i>	P160M <i>(Target Collection)</i>

XV PORT OF APARRI	
MARCH	APRIL
P25M <i>(Actual Collection)</i>	P39M <i>(Actual Collection)</i>
P20M <i>(Target Collection)</i>	P20M <i>(Target Collection)</i>

XVI PORT OF LIMAY	
MARCH	APRIL
P2,883M <i>(Actual Collection)</i>	P1,921M <i>(Actual Collection)</i>
P4,699M <i>(Target Collection)</i>	P4,599M <i>(Target Collection)</i>



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INTERNATIONAL DONATIONS

WHO MAY AVAIL DUTY AND/OR TAX EXEMPTION?

The consignee of the imported goods must fall into one of the categories listed below:

1. National Government Agency;
2. DSWD-registered, licensed, and/or accredited Social Welfare Development Agency (SWDA);
3. Foreign Embassies and International Organizations/Specialized Agencies;
4. a non-stock, non-profit educational institution;
5. a disabled person; or
6. Others, who donate the goods to foregoing parties.



DOCUMENTS FOR SUBMISSION

Once the goods arrive in the Philippines, the consignee or its authorized representative shall submit the required documents such as:

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| 1. Authenticated/Notarized Deed of Donation | 7. Informal Import Declaration Entry |
| 2. Deed of Acceptance | 8. Permit to Deliver Imported Goods to BOC or One-Stop-Shop (OSS) and/or respective government agencies, if applicable |
| 3. Bill of Lading | |
| 4. Packing List | |
| 5. Invoice | |
| 6. Import Permit if regulated or restricted | |



To avail duty and/or tax exemption, the consignee must secure a Tax Exemption Indorsement (TEI) from the Department of Finance (DOF) using DOF-RO FORM 91 which can be downloaded from dof.gov.ph.

APPLYING FOR TAX EXEMPTION INDORSEMENT

The requirements in applying for a TEI include:

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| 1. Recommendation/endorsement for duty and/or tax-exempt from the appropriate government agency (DSWD, NEDA, DepEd, CHED, etc.) | 3. Import Bill of Lading (BL)/Airway Bill (AWB); |
| 2. Letter Request addressed to the Secretary of Finance (Attention: Director IV, Revenue Office) | 4. Import Invoice |
| | 5. Packing List (PL); |
| | 6. Deed of Donation; and |
| | 7. other documents, as may be required by the DOF. |



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Prohibited goods as well as restricted or regulated goods without Import Permit or Clearance found during examination will be seized and forfeited in favor of the government.