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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE  
**BUREAU OF CUSTOMS**

December 27, 2017

**CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
**NO. 227-2017**

To: All Deputy Commissioners  
All Directors and Division Chiefs  
All District/Port Collectors  
And Others Concerned

**Subject: PDEA Requesting BOC's Support**

Attached is the Memorandum dated December 14, 2017 of Director General Aaron N. Aquino, Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency requesting this Bureau to support their ***Intensified Anti-Drug Interdiction Operations***.

For your information and guidance.

For record purposes, please confirm the dissemination of this circular throughout your offices within fifteen (15) days from receipt hereof.

  
**ISIDRO S LAPEÑA, PhD, CSEE**  
Commissioner



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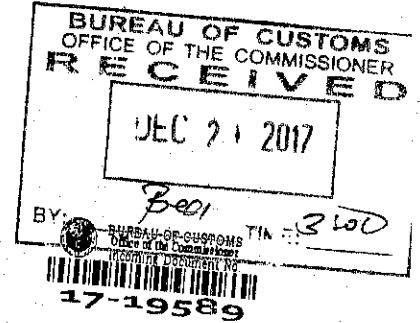
**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** COMMISSIONER ISIDRO S. LAPEÑA  
Commissioner, Bureau of Customs

**FROM :** *[Signature]*  
AARON N. AQUINO, Jr.  
Director General, PDEA

**SUBJECT :** Requests to BOC in Support to Intensified Anti-Drug Interdiction Operations

**DATE :** December 14, 2017



1. References:

- a. Discovery/Seizure of 5.5 kls. of Methamphetamine Hydrochloride (Shabu) in NAIA on December 4, 2017;
- b. Seizure of 6 kls. of Methamphetamine Hydrochloride (Shabu) in Federal Express, NAIA on November 29, 2017;
- c. Republic Act 9165 also known as "The Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002; and
- d. MOA between PDEA and BOC dated September 9, 2010

2. The problem of smuggling of illegal drugs is global, traversing country borders and all means of trafficking are employed. Illegal drugs and their raw materials are shipped from one country to another through freight and cargo.

3. The Agency is continuously improving its operational capabilities in order to efficiently and effectively implement the provisions of RA 9165 and suppress the supply and delivery of Dangerous Drugs (DDs) and Controlled Precursors and Essential Chemicals (CPECs) in the country.

4. Just recently, two incidents of discoveries/seizures of Shabu were recorded at Federal Express (FedEx), NAIA, Andrews Avenue, Pasay City. The incident on November 29, 2017 resulted in the seizure of 6 kilos of Shabu and another 5.5 kilos of Shabu were seized on December 4, 2017. Both contrabands were discovered thru X-ray screenings and with the assistance of K-9 dogs.

5. In this regard, may we respectfully request the following:

- a. Include PDEA personnel in any BOC trainings related to the use of X-ray machines in detecting illegal drugs;



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- b. Include PDEA personnel as part of the team during inspection of packages;
- c. Allow PDEA to check the accreditation of importers; and
- d. Request to open seized suspected packages in secured area with only the seizing officers as witnesses and prevent unauthorized personnel from witnessing the same to ensure that follow up operations will not be compromised.

6. The Plans and Operations Service of PDEA (POS) shall be coordinating with your office on this matter to identify the requirements and mechanisms related to this request. Should you have immediate queries, however, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us through telephone number 927-9703 or 928-4046 locals 120 or 145 or email [plansprog\\_pos@yahoo.com](mailto:plansprog_pos@yahoo.com).

7. For your consideration and approval.