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MEMORANDUM

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FROM : *Isidro S. Lapena*
ISIDRO S. LAPENA, Commissioner
17-01739

SUBJECT : Procedures to be observed as regards to drug apprehensions

DATE : October 19, 2017



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In order to establish PROPER PROTOCOLS for the HANDLING OF dangerous drugs (DD) and controlled precursors and essential chemicals (CPECs) within the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Customs, it is hereby ordered that the following procedures be implemented:

1. All suspected DD and/or CPECs discovered by way of regular course of work at the BOC shall be immediately reported to the CAIDTF for proper handling and identification and likewise the latter shall cause the coordination with PDEA being THE LEAD AGENCY IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RA 9165;
2. All intelligence report relative to possible importation of DD and/or CPECs shall be immediately relayed to CAIDTF and the latter shall report the matter to PDEA for the purpose of case build-up and proper disposition;
3. All shipments found to contain DD and/or CPECs within the jurisdiction of the BOC and intended for controlled delivery, the PDEA shall be the lead agency for that specific purpose;
4. The seizing officer having initial custody of DD and/or CPECs shall strictly adhere to the mandatory requirements of RA 9165;
5. All DD and/or CPECs with confirmatory test shall be turned over to the PDEA Laboratory within the prescribed period as stated in RA 9165;
6. The PDEA shall prepare for prosecution or cause the filing of appropriate criminal and civil cases for violation of RA 9165. The filing of case for violation of the CMTA shall be handled by the BOC.

Please be guided accordingly.