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## MEMORANDUM

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 ALL CHIEFS, FED, IED AND POSTAL OFFICES  
 ALL DISTRICT COMMANDERS, ESS-CPD  
 ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

**FROM :** BIENVENIDO Y. RUBIO  
 Commissioner *[Signature]* **OCT 26 2023**

**SUBJECT :** IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURES TO SUPPORT STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES 1 AND 2 UNDER EO NO. 33 S. 2023 AND IMMEDIATE OUTCOMES 7.1, 7.2 AND 8.2 OF THE FINANCIAL ACTION TASK FORCE (FATF) INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION REVIEW GROUP (ICRG)

**DATE :** 17 October 2023

In line with the commitment of the Bureau of Customs (BOC) to contribute measures for the effective and sustainable implementation of Strategic Objectives No. 1<sup>1</sup> and 2<sup>2</sup> of the National Anti-Money Laundering Counter-Terrorism Financing and Counter-Proliferation Financing Strategy 2023-2027 adopted under Executive Order No. 33 s. 2023, all responsible offices are directed to continuously implement, monitor and

<sup>1</sup> *Strategic Objective 1: Demonstrate that the Philippines has addressed strategic deficiencies identified in international AML/CFT assessments and that the measures to contribute to effective and sustainable outcomes;*

<sup>2</sup> *Strategic Objective 2: Strengthen law enforcement and prosecutorial capacity for the effective development of financial intelligence, investigation, Prosecution, and Confiscation in relation to Money Laundering and its Pradicate Offenses*

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submit report to the Office of the Commissioner, copy furnished the Deputy Commissioner for Enforcement Group, its compliance with the following measures to support the implementation of Executive Order No. 33 s. 2023 in relation to the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) International Cooperation Review Group (ICRG) Action Plans, specifically Immediate Outcomes 7.1 and 7.2 and 8.2:

<p><b>IMMEDIATE OUTCOME 7.1:</b> Demonstrate an increase in the development and use of financial intelligence and an increase in financial investigative skills of LEAs tasked with ML investigations.</p> <p><b>IMMEDIATE OUTCOME 7.2:</b> Demonstrate an increase in ML investigations and prosecutions in accordance with the Philippines' risk profile, including crimes with a transnational element and/or foreign proceeds, and using formal and informal international cooperation where necessary.</p>		
Measures	Responsible Offices	Reporting Requirement
1. Utilization of AMLC Web-based Search Engine by BOC offices with access to the system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enforcement Security Service (ESS)</li> <li>• Customs Intelligence and Investigation Service (CIIS)</li> <li>• Legal Service</li> </ul>	<p>Monthly summary of AWSE search and Requests for Information (RFIs) transmitted to the AMLC.</p> <p><b>Due:</b> 10<sup>th</sup> of every month</p>
2. Regular case conferences with AMLC on cases filed or for filing by the BOC (i.e. smuggling, environmental, IPR)	Legal Service	<p>Monthly summary of case conferences conducted.</p> <p><b>Due:</b> 10<sup>th</sup> of every month</p>
3. Inclusion of Money-Laundering allegation in smuggling cases filed by the BOC to the DOJ	Legal Service	<p>Monthly summary of cases filed with Money-Laundering allegations.</p> <p><b>Due:</b> 10<sup>th</sup> of every month</p>
4. Coordination with international and local counterparts on any information on smuggling or other relevant predicate offenses (i.e.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ESS</li> <li>• CIIS</li> </ul>	<p>Monthly summary of emails/requests for information/coordination/meetings with local or international counterparts and law enforcement agencies</p>

environmental, IPR, etc.)		<b>Due:</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> of every month
5. Regular submission of statistics to the AMLC of BOC seizures per port and commodity	CIIS	Summary of no. of seizures and value per port and commodity  <b>Due:</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> of every month
<b>IMMEDIATE OUTCOME 8.2:</b> Demonstrate that cross border measure is applied to all main sea/airports of the country including detection of false declarations of currency and confiscation action resulting therefrom with particular focus on high-risk activities in line with the Philippine's risk profile		
Measures	Responsible Offices	Reporting Requirement
1. Ensure that all travelers and crew arriving/departing in and from all airports and seaports accomplish a Customs Baggage Declaration Form (CBDF) and Currencies Declaration Form (CDF), if applicable, and submit regular reports in line with OCOM Memorandum No. 31-2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Collection Districts</li> <li>All Arrival and Departure Divisions</li> <li>All Piers and Inspection Divisions or equivalent unit</li> <li>All Informal Entry Divisions (for processing of passengers/crew in cruise ships/crews and foreign vessels, as applicable)</li> </ul>	<p>No. of Passengers/Crew, no. of CBDs and CDs in line with OCOM Memorandum No. 31-2023 (<b>Annex A</b>)</p> <p><b>Due:</b> Weekly, every Monday covering transactions from Monday to Sunday of the previous week</p>
2. Ensure sufficient supplies of CBDFs and CDFs for all airports, airlines and shipping lines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General Services Division (GSD)</li> <li>All Deputy Collectors for Administration</li> </ul>	<p>Monthly summary of no. of CBDFs and CDFs distributed to ports</p> <p><b>Due:</b> 10<sup>th</sup> of every month</p>
3. Coordinate with the Civil Aviation Board (CAB) and Airlines/Shipping lines on the compliance with the request to distribute forms and in-flight announcement of declaration requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Chiefs, Arrival and Departure Division</li> <li>All Chiefs, Piers and Inspection Division or equivalent unit</li> <li>Enforcement Group</li> </ul>	<p>Monthly summary of CBDFs and CDFs distributed to airlines/shipping lines.</p> <p><b>Due:</b> 10<sup>th</sup> of every month</p>

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		Update on coordination with CAB, Shipping Lines and Airlines concerned.  <b>Due:</b> 30 September 2023
4. Continuous capacity building of personnel on policies on cross-border transport of currency and monetary instruments, currency detection and confiscation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interim Training and Development Division</li> <li>• All Deputy Collectors for Administration</li> </ul>	<p>Schedule of training/refresher courses for airports, seaports, x-ray, enforcement and intelligence personnel</p> <p><b>Due:</b> 30 September 2023</p> <p>Summary of no. of personnel trained and no. of trainings conducted</p> <p><b>Due:</b> 30 October 2023</p>
5. BOC transition to E-Travel	Management Information System Technology Group	Update on status of the BOC's transition to E-Travel, implementation requirements and timeline for implementation  <b>Due:</b> 30 September 2023
6. Ensure continuous strict monitoring of accompanied and unaccompanied baggages of arriving and departing travelers, crews, cargoes, mails and parcels for possible non-declaration, false declaration and/or concealment of currencies and monetary instruments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Collection Districts</li> <li>• X-ray Inspection Project</li> <li>• ESS</li> <li>• CIIS</li> <li>• All Arrival and Departure Divisions</li> <li>• All Piers and Inspection Divisions or equivalent units</li> <li>• All Informal Entry Divisions</li> </ul>	<p>Monthly report of x-ray scanned commodities/baggages and results thereof (c/o XIP)</p> <p><b>Due:</b> 10<sup>th</sup> of every month</p> <p>Monthly Report of Apprehensions of all commodities</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Customs Postal Offices</li> <li>• All Airport/Seaport Warehouses</li> <li>• All Others concerned</li> </ul>	<p>(c/o CIIS in coordination w/ Collection Districts)</p>
<p>7. Ensure 100% verification/counting, either manually or through money counting machines, of declared currencies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Collection Districts</li> <li>• All Arrival and Departure Division</li> <li>• All Piers and Inspection Division or equivalent unit</li> <li>• All Informal Entry Division (IED)</li> <li>• ESS</li> <li>• CIIS</li> </ul>	<p>Monthly summary of result of 100% verification of declared, falsely declared and non-declared currencies. (c/o Collection Districts in coordination with other responsible offices)</p> <p><b>Due:</b> 10<sup>th</sup> of every month</p>
<p>8. Ensure deployment of sufficient no. of examiners, x-ray and enforcement personnel in all international airports, seaports, warehouses, postal offices</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All District Collectors</li> <li>• All Deputy Collectors for Administration</li> <li>• X-ray Inspection Project (XIP)</li> <li>• ESS</li> <li>• CIIS</li> <li>• Human Resources Management Division</li> </ul>	<p>Report on no. of examiners/appraisers, x-ray and enforcement personnel in all international airports, seaports, warehouses, postal offices</p> <p><b>Due:</b> 30 September 2023</p>
<p>9. Regular maintenance of x-ray scanners and multi-currency counting machines</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• XIP</li> <li>• All Deputy Collectors for Administration</li> <li>• GSD</li> </ul>	<p>Quarterly Maintenance Report</p> <p><b>Due:</b> 10<sup>th</sup> of the 1<sup>st</sup> month of every quarter</p>
<p>10. Deployment of Cash-sniffing dogs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enforcement Group</li> </ul>	<p>Update on coordination with Philippine Coast Guard</p> <p><b>Due:</b> 30 September 2023</p>

For queries and clarifications, please coordinate with the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Enforcement Group via email at [odc.eg@customs.gov.ph](mailto:odc.eg@customs.gov.ph).

For immediate and strict compliance.