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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS

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MEMORANDUM

TO : ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
ALL DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS
ALL DISTRICT COLLECTORS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM : BIENVENIDO Y. RUBIO FEB 12 2024
Commissioner

SUBJECT : PRELIMINARY SUSPENSION OF ACCREDITED CUSTOMS
BROKERS

DATE : 12 February 2024

This has reference to the imposition of preliminary suspension of customs brokers' accreditation for a maximum period of ninety (90) days, pursuant to Section 3.2 of Customs Memorandum Order (CMO) No. 12-2021, upon the issuance of a Warrant of Seizure and Detention based on the grounds specified in Section 4 of the same CMO, as follows:

1. When the importation contains any prohibited or restricted goods without the permit or clearance from the regulatory agency, even for the first offense;
2. Those whose shipments have been forfeited within the preceding period of one (1) year for violation of the provisions of the CMTA and other customs laws, rules or regulations; and
3. Other analogous circumstances, at the discretion of the Commissioner.

However, a perusal of the above-mentioned Section would show that a preliminary suspension may be imposed against either importer or broker.

In this regard, in the interest of justice and in response to the pleas of different groups/ associations of Licensed Customs Brokers, taking into consideration the effect of the preliminary suspension in their livelihood and the practice of their profession, as an interim measure, **no preliminary suspension may be imposed against accredited Licensed Customs Brokers transacting with the Bureau until an appropriate administrative charge for suspension or revocation of their customs accreditation has been filed against them.**

For strict compliance.

