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MEMORANDUM

FOR : THE DIRECTOR, LEGAL SERVICE, RCMG
ALL DISTRICT COLLECTOR
ALL SUPPORT COLLECTOR
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED



THRU : 
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SUBJECT : ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF NO ACCOUNTABILITY FOR
THE RENEWAL OF CUSTOMS FACILITIES AND
WAREHOUSES (CFW)

DATE : 24 SEPTEMBER 2024

This pertains to the efforts of the Bureau of Customs to streamline the process of the issuance of the Certificate of No Accountability for the renewal of Certificate of Authority (COA) to Operate of Customs Facilities and Warehouses (CFWs). By way of background, the accredited CFWs have an authority to operate, which is valid for three (3) years, counted from the date of the approval of the application for establishment or coterminous with the submitted Contract of Lease.

Section 5.5 of Customs Memorandum Order (CMO) No. 18-2022 on the renewal of authority to operate provides that at least ninety (90) days before the expiration of COA, the CFW operator shall file the application for renewal of its Authority to Operate. Further, Section 5.5.2 provides that the District Collector shall cause the inspection of the Off-dock CFS and require a Certificate of No Accountability from the following offices as a pre-condition for renewal:





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- Legal Service, RCMG;
- Customs Intelligence and Investigation Service (CIIS);
- Enforcement and Security Service (ESS);
- Law Division;
- Bonds Division; and
- Piers Inspection Division (PID)

Pursuant to Republic Act (R.A.) No. 11032, otherwise known as the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018, in order to establish effective practices aimed at an efficient turnaround of the delivery of government services, the above identified offices authorized to sign in the Certificate of No Accountability are instructed to manifest their objections within three (3) days upon receipt from the respective District Offices and to inform the latter of its objection. The Certificate of No Accountability shall be deemed automatically approved by the respective District Collectors if no objection from the above-mentioned Offices has been received beyond three (3) days from transmittal.

The particular objection of the identified offices shall pertain to the following:

- Pending legal cases in case of Legal Service and Law Division;
- Pending investigation in case of CIIS;
- Pending enforcement-related issues in case of ESS;
- Pending/outstanding obligation in so far as posting of the required security in case of Bonds Division; and
- Pending/outstanding obligation on operations-related issues in case of PID

Subsequently, the recommendation for approval of the CFW's renewal of authority to operate by the respective District Offices shall be endorsed to the POCD-POS with the corresponding Certificate of No Accountability pursuant to the above CMO. In the absence of a Certificate of No Accountability, you are instructed to inform this Office that no objection has been received from the identified offices beyond three (3) days from transmittal.

Relative thereto, all CFWs are directed to secure the clearances separately from the above-mentioned Offices.

For strict compliance.



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