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CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 205-2024

TO : ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
ALL DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS
ALL DIRECTORS AND DIVISION CHIEFS
ALL DISTRICT AND SUB-PORT COLLECTORS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. 030 DATED 22 NOVEMBER
2024 ENTITLED "SUSTAINED AND COORDINATED EFFORTS
FOR THE INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF MONEY
LAUNDERING AND TERRORISM FINANCING CASES AT THE
REGIONAL LEVEL"

Attached is a copy of the abovementioned subject for implementation and which shall remain in force until further notice.

For records purposes, please disseminate this circular throughout your respective offices and submit the necessary confirmation within fifteen (15) days from receipt hereof.

For your guidance and reference.

BIENVENIDO Y. RUBIO
Commissioner



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Department of Justice
Manila



DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO.

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TO : HEADS OF REGIONAL PROSECUTION OFFICES,
HEADS OF ATTACHED AGENCIES, AND
CONCERNED OFFICES

SUBJECT : SUSTAINED AND COORDINATED EFFORTS FOR THE
INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF MONEY
LAUNDERING AND TERRORISM FINANCING CASES AT THE
REGIONAL LEVEL

DATE : July 2 2024

In the interest of the service and pursuant to existing laws, a framework of coordination is hereby instituted between the Regional Prosecutors and regional law enforcement agencies, in line with Executive Order No. 33, s. 2023¹, Department Circular No. 020, s. 2023², and Department Circular No. 15, s. 2024³.

All Regional Prosecutors are hereby mandated to enhance efforts in the collection of evidence and ensure the timely prosecution of cases concerning money laundering and terrorism financing (ML/TF). This shall be achieved by establishing a Regional ML/TF Task Force in each region, to be headed by the Regional Prosecutor.

The Regional Prosecutor is primarily responsible for coordinating with regional law enforcement agencies, including but not limited to the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA), Philippine National Police (PNP), National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), Bureau of Customs (BOC), and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

The Regional Prosecutor shall be assisted by the Provincial and City Prosecutors in his/her jurisdiction, and prosecutors designated in Special Commercial Courts and Terrorism Courts.

¹ "Adopting The National Anti-Money Laundering Counter-Terrorism Financing And Counter-Proliferation Financing Strategy 2023-2027, Reorganizing The National Anti-Money Laundering And Counter-Terrorism Financing Coordinating Committee, and Amending Executive Order No. 68 (S. 2018) For The Purpose".

² "Policy on Pro-Active Involvement of Prosecutors in Case Build-Up".

³ "The 2024 DOJ-NPS Rules on Preliminary Investigation and Inquest Proceedings".

The Regional ML/TF Task Force is directed to conduct monthly meetings to promote seamless and effective cooperation among these agencies. The Regional Prosecutor shall secure the active participation of all relevant agencies during the case build-up process to develop strong and prosecutable cases against individuals and entities involved in money laundering and terrorism financing. Additionally, the Regional Prosecutor must ensure that cases are thoroughly developed in accordance with Department Circular No. 020, s. 2023.

Quarterly reports on the progress and outcomes of these coordinated efforts must be submitted to the Evaluation and Statistics Division (ESD) for proper consolidation and monitoring at esd@doj.gov.ph. The ESD should ensure that the consolidated reports will be submitted to the Undersecretary-in-Charge for the National Prosecution Service within fifteen (15) days after the end of each quarter.

This Circular takes effect immediately and shall remain in force until further notice.

For guidance and strict compliance.


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