

REVENUE COLLECTION • TRADE FACILITATION • BORDER PROTECTION

PART 1: **REVENUE COLLECTION** 2023 VS. 2024

2024

₱931.046 B

2023



BOC Collects ₱931.046 Billion in 2024, Contributes to National Development



The Bureau of Customs (BOC) continued to play a crucial role in supporting the Philippines' national development by collecting ₱931.046 billion in revenues in 2024, which directly contributes to funding vital public services in line with President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s Bagong Pilipinas vision. This revenue collection was achieved by the BOC despite the lower 2024 baseline, due to the impact of tariff reduction in rice and selected electronic vehicles, and deferment of priority reforms such as excise tax on pick-ups under the Capital Market Promotion Efficiency Act. SURPLUS ₱40.6<u>00 B or 4.60%</u>

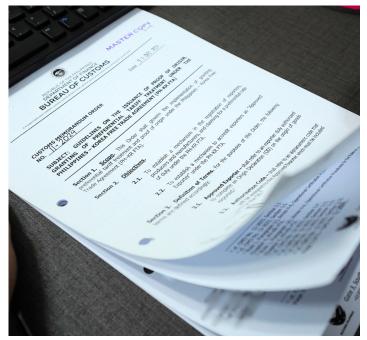
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Several ports, including Legazpi, Tacloban, Ninoy Aquino International Airport, Clark, and Cagayan De Oro, exceeded their revenue targets for the year. The BOC also generated additional ₱2.595 billion in revenue through post-clearance audits and voluntary disclosures applications. Meanwhile, the collection from Tax Expenditure Fund from government importations reached ₱13.238 billion.



In 2024, the BOC introduced various policies and initiatives to streamline payment processes and improve stakeholder experience. Among these is the Electronic Payment Portal System (ePay), implemented through Customs Memorandum Order (CMO) No. 06-2024, which enables stakeholders to pay customs duties, taxes, and other fees online, minimizing physical transactions and enhancing efficiency.





Strategic partnerships further strengthened the BOC's payment systems. The BOC formalized a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with LandBank of the Philippines to utilize the Link.BizPortal for digital payment processing. A renewed MOA with Maya Philippines Inc. also integrated Maya's payment platform into BOC operations, enabling seamless transactions through online channels, Point-of-Sale (POS) terminals, and Smart Padala centers.



Through these efforts, the BOC continues to strengthen its role in promoting economic stability and supporting the Philippines' growth, ensuring that customs operations remain efficient, transparent, and responsive to national needs.



PART 2: TRADE FACILITATION



BOC Drives Trade Facilitation Through Transparency and Innovative Reforms in 2024

The Bureau of Customs (BOC) made substantial progress in improving customs processes in 2024, embracing technology and collaboration to help businesses and individuals navigate trade more smoothly. Key regulatory initiatives and digital advancements have contributed to these improvements, with a primary focus on streamlining operation, improving efficiency, and increasing revenue collection.

These changes focus on making it easier to import and export goods while boosting the country's competitiveness in global markets.

The BOC introduced new measures to make its operations more efficient, including the establishment of the Customs Industry Consultative and Advisory Council (CICAC). The CICAC fosters regular discussions with business leaders and industry experts to improve compliance, resolve issues, and address emerging challenges. In just a year, the CICAC has grown to 59 central members and 122 district member organizations, showing the strong interest and collaboration from the industry.

One of the most significant advancements this year is the implementation of the ATA Carnet system, a game-changer for businesses engaged in international trade. This globally recognized instrument, streamlines customs procedures by allowing the temporary admission of goods without the need to pay duties or taxes. Functioning as a universal customs pass, the ATA Carnet replaces a maze of paperwork with a single, standardized document that facilitates seamless movement across borders. By cutting bureaucratic red tape, reducing costs, and expediting crossborder movement, the ATA Carnet enhances trade efficiency and unlocks greater global market opportunities for businesses.

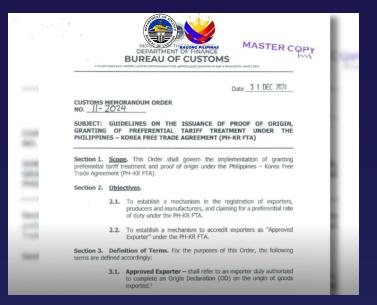


The BOC also strengthened its trade relations with South Korea by implementing the Philippines-Korea Free Trade Agreement (PH-KR FTA), which was officially signed by President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. through Executive Order (EO) No. 80. This agreement allows businesses to enjoy lower tariffs on many goods traded between the two countries. To make the process easier, the BOC issued a new guideline, the Customs Memorandum Order 11-2024, which helps businesses access these lower tariff rates by ensuring that the goods meet certain requirements. This move aligns with the government's goal to strengthen the Philippine economy through enhanced trade relations and greater access to global markets.



Additionally, the BOC achieved notable progress in the implementation of its Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) Program. Five companies – Sony Philippines, Inc., Toyota Motor Philippines Corp., Coca-Cola Europacific Aboitiz Philippines, Inc., Panasonic Manufacturing Philippines Corp., and Brother Industries (Philippines), Inc., have been fully accredited under the program. Meanwhile, two companies - namely I.E. Medica, Inc. and DKHS Philippines, Inc., were issued pre-screening certificates. The program has also seen growing interest, with 18 companies expressing their intent to join. The AEO Program is a key initiative aimed at enhancing supply chain security and streamlining trade facilitation for trusted businesses.





The BOC is ushering in a new era of efficiency and transparency through bold digital reforms. With the launch of Overstaying Cargo Tracking System (OSTracker), the ATA Carnet Monitoring System, and the upgraded Enhanced eTravel System, trade processes are becoming faster, smarter, and more responsive. These initiatives reflect the BOC's commitment to modernizing its services, fully aligned with President Ferdinand R. Marcos' vision of a digitally driven government that works for the Filipino people.



By embracing innovation and cutting unnecessary bureaucracy, the BOC is not just improving trade efficiency—it is transforming the way government serves businesses and citizens alike. Each step forward brings us closer to the realization of a Makabagong Aduana sa Bagong Pilipinas—one that is modern, transparent, and built for progress.

PART 3: BORDER PROTECTION



BOC Strengthens Border Protection and Smuggling Crackdown in 2024

The Bureau of Customs (BOC), under Commissioner Bienvenido Y. Rubio, has significantly intensified its efforts to combat smuggling and illegal trade in line with President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s directive to safeguard national security and economic stability. Recognizing that smuggling not only undermines government revenues but also threatens local industries, public safety, and food security, the BOC has ramped up its enforcement actions to protect the country's borders.

In 2024, the BOC conducted over 2,100 successful anti-smuggling operations, leading to the seizure of goods worth ₱85.167 billion. These enforcement actions targeted various illicit items, including counterfeit products, illegal drugs, smuggled tobacco and vape goods, and agricultural products that pose risks to farmers and consumers alike.





A key initiative this year was the continuous enforcement of the Fuel Marking Program, which ensured that nearly 20 billion liters of fuel — a 5% increase from the previous year — were marked. This program has generated over \Rightarrow 242 billion in tax revenue while curbing fuel smuggling that distorts fair market competition.

To reinforce compliance, the BOC also revoked the accreditations of 56 importers and customs brokers found violating customs regulations. Additionally, 45 criminal cases were filed against those involved in smuggling, demonstrating the agency's zero-tolerance policy toward illicit trade.



Collaboration with other government agencies remains a critical strategy. In 2024, the BOC organized three Intelligence Summits across the country, gathering over 200 intelligence officers to enhance coordination, share best practices, and strengthen the collective response to smuggling activities.





Commissioner Rubio underscored the importance of these efforts, stating, "Smuggling is not just an economic issue it is a national security concern that affects every Filipino. Under President Marcos' directive, we are intensifying our crackdown on illicit trade to protect local industries, ensure food security, and promote a level playing field for businesses. By leveraging intelligence, enforcement, and interagency collaboration, the BOC remains steadfast in its mission to secure our borders and uphold economic stability."



With these aggressive measures, the BOC continues to uphold its mandate of protecting the country's borders, ensuring fair trade, and fostering national development.



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