

# Updates on Trade Facilitation

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(RA No. 11302)**



# **A. SECTION 202, RA No. 10863 (CMTA)**

**Functions of the Bureau.— The Bureau shall exercise the following duties and functions:**

**(e) Facilitation and security of international trade and commerce through an informed compliance**



## **B. Simplifying Customs Accreditation**

Customs issued Customs Memorandum Order (CMO) No. 5-2018 to simplify the accreditation process of importers and customs brokers.

The submission of Bureau of Internal Revenue Importer Clearance Certificate (ICC) and Broker's Clearance Certificate (BCC) have been removed.

**Reduced the  
accreditation  
process from  
11 steps to  
only 6 steps**



## **B. Simplifying Customs Accreditation**

As a result of the simplified Customs accreditation process, the Bureau was able to complete the accreditation of 16,827 importers and 2,125 Customs brokers for 2018.

**Number of Processed  
Accreditation for 2018:**

**16,827**

**Importers**

**2,125**

**Customs Brokers**



## C. Policies Implemented

Since the passage of the CMTA, several policies have been implemented for the enhancement of customs operations and procedures which provided stakeholders a trade environment that promotes growth and more opportunities for business.

<b>Signed CAOs</b>	<b>CAO No.</b>	<b>Effectivity Date</b>	
Imported Goods with De Minimis Value not subject to Duties and Taxes	02-2016	Oct 2016	25,
Establishment of an Advance Ruling System for Valuation and Rules of Origin	03-2016	Nov 2016	15,
Consolidated Shipment of Duty and Tax-Free "Balikbayan Boxes"	05-2016	Dec 2016	25,
Conditionally Tax and/or Duty-Exempt Importation of Returning Residents and Overseas Filipino Workers	06-2016	Jan 2017	24,
Customs Clearance of Accompanied and Unaccompanied Baggage of Travelers and Crew	01-2017	Apr 2017	21,



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<b>Anti-Agricultural Smuggling Act of 2016</b>	<b>02-2017</b>	<b>Jun 01, 2017</b>
<b>Clearance of Postal Items</b>	<b>03-2017</b>	<b>Jun 02, 2017</b>
<b>Establishment of Authorized Economic Operators (AEO)</b>	<b>05-2017</b>	<b>Sep 7, 2017</b>
<b>Amended Rules on Consolidated Shipment of Balikbayan Boxes</b>	<b>01-2018</b>	<b>Sep 16, 2018</b>
<b>Post Clearance Audit and Prior Disclosure Program</b>	<b>01-2019</b>	<b>Feb 15, 2019</b>
<b>Marking of Imported Goods and Containers</b>	<b>02-2019</b>	<b>Mar 08, 2019</b>
<b>Customs Jurisdiction and Exercise of Police Authority</b>	<b>03-2019</b>	<b>May 17, 2019</b>

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<b>Signed CMOs</b>	<b>CMO No.</b>	<b>Date</b>
Revised Rules for the Electronic/Manual Issuance and Lifting of Alert Orders at all Ports Of Entry	06-2019	May 31, 2018
Lodgement of Goods Declaration, Valuation and Other Related Matters	25-2018	Dec 4, 2018
Amendment to Sec 3.1 (Issuance of Alert Orders) of CMO 07-2018 on "Revised Rules for the Electronic Manual Issuance and Lifting of Alert Orders at all Ports of Entry"	6-2019	Feb 11, 2019
Revised Procedure for the Verification of Outstanding Balances of VAT Tax Credit Certificates (TCCs) for the Issuance and Processing of Notice of Payment Schedule (NPS)	11-2019	Feb 19, 2019
Operational Procedures for the Implementation of the ASEAN Electronic Certificate of Origin (E-CO)	15-2019	Mar 18, 2019
Guidelines on the Recall/Lifting/Reconsideration/Setting Aside of Any Order/Decree/Decision of Abandonment	17-2019	Apr 15, 2019



## **D. Modernizing Operations and Systems**

With the i-Track system, transit and transshipment container trucks are required to lock their containers using a GPS lock system which tracks the whereabouts of containers in transit or for transshipment.

**Electronic Cargo  
Monitoring  
System  
(e-TCMS) or  
i-Track system  
is being piloted  
by the BOC.**



## **E. Optimizing Yard Utilization**

Memorandum by Customs  
Commissioner Rey Leonardo  
Guerrero dated 12 February  
2019 "Transfer of Empty  
Containers to Port of Batangas  
and to Subic Bay Freeport as  
Extension Ports of POM and  
MICP" reiterates Executive  
Order 172.

**EO No. 172 Declaring  
Port of Batangas and  
Subic Bay Freeport as  
Extensions of the Port  
of Manila (MICT/  
South Harbor) during  
Port Congestion and  
other Emergency  
Cases**



## **E. Optimizing Yard Utilization**

CMO 13-2019 which addresses the issues that Customs stakeholders has raised on the return of Empty Containers was signed on February 28, 2019.

**CMO 13-2019  
entitled “Interim  
Guidelines on the  
Return of Empty  
Containers at the Port  
of Manila (POM) and  
Manila International  
Container Port  
(MICP)”**



## **E. Optimizing Yard Utilization**

MICP created an oversight committee tasked to hasten proper disposal of overstaying containers to relieve pressure from the yard.

ICTSI repaired the bay doors of the Designated Examination Areas (DEAs) as requested by the District Collector.

MICP and ICTSI are working to move overstaying containers to an inland depot.

- **Creation of an Oversight Committee**
- **Repair of DEA bay doors**
- **Transfer of overstaying containers to inland depots**



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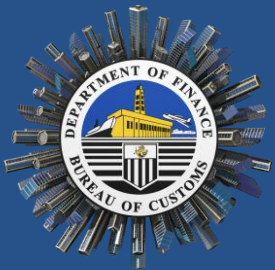
- **Consultative dialogue meetings**
- **Advisory on Transfer of Overstaying Containers to CGT**
- **Active Participant in the Drafting of CMO on the return of empty containers**



# E. Optimizing Yard Utilization

The table shows the weekly load out of empty containers based on the report of MICP's Customs Container Control Division.

Period	Gate Received		Laden	
	Units	TEUs	Units	TEUs
1 Jan 1-6	2,881	4,551.50	2,852	4,498.75
2 Jan 7-13	2,130	3,176.00	3,416	5,333.25
3 Jan 14-20	5,578	8,593.50	3,098	5,125.50
4 Jan 21-27	7,603	11,485.25	4,222	6,991.75
5 Jan 28-Feb 3	6,886	10,246.75	2,580	4,216.75
6 Feb 4-10	6,726	10,134.25	2,257	3579.00
7 Feb 11-17	7,596	11,541.25	3,327	5,341.75
8 Feb 18-24	9,164	14,020.50	7,608	11,546.75



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9 Feb 25-Mar 3	9,056	13,639.25	8,590	13,031.50
10 Mar 4-10	10,320	15,524.50	10,188	15,452.50
11 Mar 11-17	11,339	17,497.75	9,864	15,012.75
12 Mar 18-24	10,719	16,941.25	11,667	18,204.00
13 Mar 24-31	11,718	18,092.75	11,307	17,494.75
14 Apr 1-7	11,799	17,666.75	11,589	17,879.75
15 Apr 8-14	11,085	16,743.00	12,303	18,274.75
16 Apr 15-21	7,425	11,327.25	9,751	14,981.25
	<b>124,600</b>	<b>189,854</b>	<b>104,867</b>	<b>161,983</b>



# F. Implementing Ease of Doing Business

MICP has implemented various policies that aims to reduce redundancy in its processes, and to promote faster and easier processing of documents.

## • Reduced number of signatories

<b>Transaction/Documents</b>	<b>Before</b>	<b>After</b>
<b>Request for Untagging of Abandonment</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Request for Amendment of Inward Manifest</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Transshipment Entries</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Transfer of Outside CY-CFS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Request for Cancellation of Entries</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Request for Post Entry Modification</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>





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### • Reduced number of documentary requirements

<b>Transaction/Documents</b>	<b>Before</b>	<b>After</b>
<b>Application of Untagging of Abandonment</b>	10	4
<b>Application for Untagging consigned to CBWD</b>	10	5
<b>Amendment of Consignee</b>	11	6
<b>Amendment of Quantity and Weight</b>	9	4
<b>BL nature code</b>	9	3



## **F. Implementing Ease of Doing Business**

MICP has implemented various policies that aims to reduce redundancy in its processes, and to promote faster and easier processing of documents.

- **Designating Deputy Collectors as authorized signatories for various documents**
- **Activation of Hotlines**
- **100% Workforce at MICP on all Saturdays of 2019**



## **F. Implementing Ease of Doing Business**

MICP has implemented various policies that aims to reduce redundancy in its processes, and to promote faster and easier processing of documents.

- **Streamlining of Processes at the Offices of the Deputy Collectors**
- **No Cut Off Policy and Expeditious Processing of Documents**
- **Building a Broker's Lounge**



## **F. Implementing Ease of Doing Business**

MICP has implemented various policies that aims to reduce redundancy in its processes, and to promote faster and easier processing of documents.

- **Created clusters amongst appraisers and examiners for better monitoring of performance**
- **Maintaining social media presence for public information**



# **F. Implementing Ease of Doing Business**

The EMS is currently independent from E2M and was developed at MICP to address needs that E2M features cannot currently address. Its features include:

- monitoring of every shipment's weight, declared commodity, and value.
- inventory of entries filled at MICP
- real-time tracking of each entry's status along the Customs clearance process.



# **Created and deployed Entry Monitoring System (EMS)**

## **F. Implementing Ease of Doing Business**

The Aduana e-Library is a database of all available Customs issuances including Customs Memorandum Orders, Administrative Orders, Memorandum Circulars, and Special Orders. The website boasts a feature where the issuances can be retrieved through subject search, date, and type.

The site is currently undergoing system upgrade.



# **Developed the Aduana e- Library, a digital library of Customs issuances**

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