

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 155, December 18, 2013]

AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 160 (S. 2003), AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the present administration to eradicate corruption and improve the quality and efficiency of public service by continuously adopting institutional improvements and streamlining government bureaucracy;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 292, or the "Administrative Code of 1987," provides that the Department of Finance (DOF) shall be primarily responsible for the sound and efficient management of the financial resources of the Government, its subdivisions, agencies and instrumentalities;

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Customs (BOC) is one of the revenue-generating agencies under the DOF;

WHEREAS, consistent with the reform measures being implemented in the BOC, there is a critical need to separate the functions of post-entry audit from the BOC in order to maintain independence and impartiality of audit functions and to ensure efficiency and integrity in government service;

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Intelligence Unit (FIU) was created in the DOF to identify potential revenue sources and leakages by analyzing data from the BOC and other revenue-generating agencies attached to DOF and to monitor their revenue performance;

WHEREAS, as affirmed by the Supreme Court, the President has the power to reorganize the offices and agencies in the executive department in line with the constitutionally-granted power of control over executive offices and by virtue of previous delegation of the legislative power to reorganize executive offices under existing statutes; and

WHEREAS, as declared by the Supreme Court, under the general appropriations act, the President may direct organizational and staffing pattern changes in any department, bureau, and office in the Executive Branch.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Amendment of Executive Order (EO) No. 160 (s. 2003). The DOF-FIU is hereby mandated to perform the following functions of the Post Entry Audit Group (PEAG) created under EO No. 160, and other tasks inherent or incidental thereto:

a. Trade Information and Risk Analysis Office

1. Set the framework and benchmarks for compliance measurements of industry groups;