

[BOC CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 17-2008, March 27, 2008]

AMENDMENTS TO CMO NOS. 18-96,18-96A & 18-96B IN THE CONDUCT OF EXAMINATION OF SHIPMENTS IN PORTS WITH SELECTIVITY SYSTEM

I. Objectives:

- 1.1 To facilitate the Customs Clearance of legitimate imported goods.
- 1.2 To enhance the Bureau's capacity to detect shipments attendant with fraud.

II. Scope

This Order shall apply to all ports of entry with an Automated Customs Operation System (ACOS) already operational.

III. General Provisions

III.1 Truck Mounted Examination - The physical examination of Selected "RED" cargo on board the trucks (or TME) is hereby discontinued except for shipments of agricultural products (meat, poultry, fruits and vegetables) that require quarantine clearance prior to release.

III.2 Physical examination of PEZA bound shipments is hereby discontinued and instead shall go through mandatory X-ray inspection.

III.3 High risk shipments will be tagged by the Selectivity System as either;

- 1. Subject to X-ray inspection, or
- 2. Selected Red and subject to physical examination

III.4 Shipments found to be suspect or have image of the container/s subjected to x-ray inspection shall be directed for 100% physical examination in a facility to be provided by the arrastre operator.

III.5 The hard copy of the x-ray inspection image of the containers subjected to x-ray inspection shall form part of the working copy of the corresponding entry documents.

III.6 Physical examination of selected "RED" shipments is hereby prescribed as follows:

- III.6.1 For shipments consisting of several containers, the square root rules shall apply. The selection of containers for examination shall be