[BOC CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 15-2013, November 22, 2013]

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DUAL CHANNEL DECLARATION SYSTEM, "THE RED AND GREEN CHANNELS", FOR ARRIVING PASSENGERS AND CREW MEMBERS IN THE NINOY AQUINO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (NAIA)

I. OBJECTIVES

- 1.1 To prescribe simplified customs procedures for arriving passengers, international airlines crew members and their baggage;
- 1.2 To expedite the clearance of passengers, international airlines crew members and their baggage;
- 1.3 To contribute to the efforts to improve the flow of international arriving passenger traffic at NAIA for efficient and effective Customs controls;
- 1.4 To collect lawful revenue on imported goods and prevention of smuggling.

II. COVERAGE

This Order shall be initially implemented as Pilot project at the **Terminal 1** of the NAIA.

III. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 3.1 All passengers and crew members of international airlines arriving in Terminal 1, NAIA airports in the country are advised to choose between the following types of channels:
 - a. **Green Channel** for passengers and with NOTHING TO DECLARE or having with them no goods or only goods which can be admitted free of import duties and taxes and which are not subject to import prohibitions or restrictions; and
 - b. **Red Channel** for passengers and crew with GOODS TO DECLARE or having with them goods above the exempted customs limits and/or carrying prohibited or controlled goods
- 3.2 Each channel shall be clearly and distinctively marked so that the choice between them can easily be understood by passengers and the crew. The basic distinctive marking shall be as follows:
 - a. For the **Green Channel**, a green in the shape of a regular

octagon, the words "NOTHING TO DECLARE" and the word "CUSTOMS";

- b. For the **Red Channel**, a red in the shape of a square, the words "GOODS TO DECLARE" and the word "CUSTOMS".
- 3.3 The Bureau of Customs may produce and print or cause the production and printing of information, notices, leaflets on the Dual Channel Declaration System along the arrival route up to and including the entrance to the Green and Red Channels in order to provide passenger with clear and adequate Customs Memorandum Order No. 15-2013 Establishment of the Dual Channel Declaration System, "The RED and GREEN CHANNELS", for Arriving Passengers and Crew Members in the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) opportunity to select appropriate channel. The content of the leaflets and notices should include guidance to passengers on the functioning of the system, including the description and quantities of duty-free goods passengers are allowed when selecting the green channel.
- 3.4 Airline companies shall thereafter, upon request of the Bureau of Customs and as the need arises, reproduce and print the information, notices, leaflets on the Dual Channel Declaration System.
- 3.5 All Overseas Filipino Workers (OFW) may continue to utilize the existing OFW lane.

IV. OPERATIONAL PROVISIONS

- 4.1 All passengers and crew members of international airlines in NAIA shall provide all information and fill up completely and legibly the Customs Declaration Form. If traveling with a family, only one (1) declaration is required to be made by the head or any responsible member of the family.
- 4.2 The Customs Declaration Forms shall be distributed to all passengers and crew members on board international airlines and vessels within reasonable time before arrival or disembarkation at the airport or seaport of entry in the Philippines.
- 4.3 Customs Examiners (COO III) assigned at the arrival area, shall require the presentation of the duly accomplished Customs Declaration Form together with the Passport of the passenger or crew member.
- 4.4 If Customs Declaration shows that the passenger or crew member has NOTHING TO DECLARE or having with them no goods or only goods which can be admitted free of import duties and taxes and which are not subject to import prohibitions or restrictions, the Customs Examiner direct them to proceed to **Green Channel** and affixing his signature above the stamped or printed indicating his Code no., Lane No. and Date in the appropriate spaces provided for under the column "FOR CUSTOMS USE ONLY". The Customs Examiner shall then return