

Republic of the Philippines Department of Finance **Bureau of Customs** 1099 Manila

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# CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM ORDER No.

Subject: Procedures for Electronic Filing of Informal Entry for Non-Commercial Air Shipments Nationwide

# 1. Objectives

- 1.1 To initially implement the electronic filing of Informal Entry using the SAD Form.
- 1.2 To effect a smooth transition from the current manual procedures to the intended customs procedures through the BOC Accredited Value Added Service Providers (VASPs)
- 1.3 To provide detailed instructions to customs officers, declarants, brokers and, importers, in filing, processing, approval and payment of duties and taxes for Informal Entries.
- 1.4 To establish procedures for electronic filing of Informal Entry for Non-Commercial Air shipments.

#### 2. Scope

- 2.1 This order shall cover Informal Entries for Non-Commercial shipments discharged at all Airports Nationwide
- 2.2 This shall cover air consignments carried either as freight or as baggage by Air Express Operators (AEO) and Airfreight Forwarders/Consolidators except for the following:
  - 2.2.1 Prohibited/Regulated Imports under Philippine Laws;
  - 2.2.2 Dangerous Goods;
  - 2.2.3 Animal, fish and fowl whether live or frozen;
  - 2.2.4 Foodstuff and highly perishable articles;
  - 2.2.5 Human remains or cadavers;
  - 2.2.6 Coins, cash, paper money and other forms of negotiable instruments equivalent to cash; and
  - 2.2.7 Personal effects of Balikbayans, OFWs and other travelers.

#### 3. General Provisions

- 3.1 Electronic Filing through the Value Added Service Providers (VASPs) Declarant/Customs Brokers shall lodge the Informal Entry using the Single Administrative Document (SAD) through the BOC-accredited Value Added Service Providers, subject to existing regulations on value, weight and commodity limitations for Informal Entries.
- 3.2 Shipments that do not qualify for Informal Entry under existing regulations shall be lodged under the Formal Entry. Shipments that are lodged under IE-SAD and later on tagged as not qualified under Informal Entry system, under existing regulations, must be reported as cancelled to the VASP.

- 3.3 Submission of Paper Documents The Informal Entry SAD (IE-SAD), which replaces the Informal Entry declaration Form, shall be filled up by the Declarant/Customs Brokers through the VASP System.
- 3.4 The Informal Entry Division, or its equivalent unit, shall manually process the IE-SAD.
- 3.5 Payment of BOC Fees like Documentary Stamps Fee, Duties &Taxes and Import Processing Fee shall be settled through the BOC Cashier.
- 3.6 An Informal Entry SAD shall cover only one HAWB.

# 4. Operational Guidelines

- 4.1 The IE-SAD, which replaces the Informal Entry Form, shall be filled up by the Declarant/Customs Broker through the Accredited VASP System.
- 4.2 The Declarant/Customs Broker shall print 2 copies of the IE-SAD from the VASP System. The IE-SAD together with the required import documents shall be submitted to the Informal Entry Processing Unit, or its equivalent unit.
- 4.3 The Informal Entry Processing Unit, or its equivalent unit, shall verify the IE-SAD through the VASP database and the cargo manifest system, stamp it as "received" indicating the date and time of receipt and affix his/her signature.
- 4.4 The IE-SAD will be forwarded to the Informal Entry Division or its equivalent unit, for manual processing under the existing regulations and procedures.
- 4.5 The Informal Entry Processing Unit shall likewise prepare a report of all shipments lodged under IE-SAD but are not qualified in Informal Entry system, under existing regulations.
- 4.6 Payment
  - 4.6.1 Payment for the duties and taxes and other charges must be settled through the BOC Cashier.
  - 4.6.2 The BOC Cashier will issue BCOR using the Official Receipt Validation System (ORVS) when this facility is available at the port. A separate memorandum will be issued for implementation of OVRS in other ports.

# 5. Repealing Clause

All BOC rules and regulations inconsistent with this Order are hereby considered repealed, superseded or modified accordingly.

### 6. Transitory Provisions

- 6.1 The Informal Entry SAD shall be initially implemented at the Collection Districts of NAIA, Clark and Cebu.
- 6.2 The Commissioner of Customs shall announce the date of implementation (DOI) of the IE-SAD in other airports through a Memorandum Order addressed to the respective Collector of Customs.

### 7. Effectivity

This order shall take effect on June 16, 2016

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