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AOCG Memo No. 446-2021

MEMORANDUM

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TO : ALL DISTRICT COLLECTORS
ALL SUB-PORT COLLECTORS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

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SUBJECT : REITERATION OF OCOM MEMO NO. 75-2020

DATE : 09 August 2021

This has reference to the OCOM Memo No. 75-2020 with subject: Joint Administrative Order (JAO) No. 20-01 on the Adoption of Processes for the Expedited Release of Refrigerated Containers and Dry Vans During the Period of Enhanced Community Quarantine.

In this regard, the following provisions of the said JAO are hereby reiterated:

Rule IV Section 1(a) on Customs Clearance Under COVID-19 of the said JAO provides that, "Lodgment of and online filing of goods declaration by importer/consignees shall be **two (2) days from the date of discharge**. The BOC shall issue the Final Assessment on the goods thereby declared no later than **twenty-four (24) hours from the date of online filing of the goods declaration**".

On the other hand, Section 1(b) thereof provides that, "Importer/consignee shall make payment of duties and taxes and other charges within **twenty-four (24) hours from date of issuance of the Final Assessment** by the BOC, with preference for online payments. Importer/consignees shall have **three (3) days within which to claim the goods from the date of payment**, failing which, the same shall be declared abandoned and disposed of by BOC in accordance with law".

Meanwhile, Section 1(d) provides that, "In case of reefers or refrigerated containers, lodgment and online filing of goods declaration by importer/consignees shall be **prior to the arrival of the vessel or within forty-eight (48) hours from the date of discharge**. The BOC shall issue the Final Assessment on the goods thereby declared **no later than twenty-four (24) hours from the date of online filing of the goods declaration**. Importers/consignees shall make payments of duties, taxes, and other charges **within twenty-four (24) hours from the date of issuance of the Final Assessment** by the BOC with **twenty-four (24) hours within which to claim the goods from date of payment** reference for online payments. Importers/consignees shall have, failing which, such good shall be declared abandoned.

Finally, Rule III Sec 2(a) on Abandonment for Non-Withdrawal of Reefers provides that, "All refrigerated containers must be pulled out of the terminal within seven (7) days, except for Chilled cargoes which are given (5) days from the issuance of this Oder. Appropriate penalties shall be imposed by the Philippine Ports Authority to ensure that consignees/importers withdraw the cargo within the window provided under this JAO, provided, however, that reefers that are unclaimed after 3 days from the set deadline shall be declared abandoned."

For strict implementation.