

RECORDING OF ALERT/HOLD ORDERS ISSUED BY AUTHORIZED ENFORCEMENT UNITS OTHER THAN THE OCOM

CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM, MARCH 25, 2002, March 25, 2002

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Please be informed that effective immediately, the Special Hold in the computer of the Commissioner will no longer be activated and applied to all Alert/Hold Orders issued by authorized law enforcement units. This is to reiterate the ministerial role of the OCOM in the processing of requests for Alert/Hold Orders pursuant to the provisions of CMO No. 104-92 and CMO No. 4-94. Under the said CMOs, the primary role of the OCOM is to promote harmony in the issuance of Alert/Hold Orders by different law enforcement units through proper monitoring of all issued Alert/Hold Orders. The recording and the affixing of the Office of the Commissioner dry seal will thus be continued and strictly enforced to avoid duplication of Alert/Hold Orders. Likewise, the lifting of Alert/Hold Order shall still be presented to the OCOM for the proper monitoring of its disposition.

However, this is without prejudice to the power and discretion of the Commissioner to issue and impose a Special Hold Order at any time to any suspicious shipment.

Official guidelines and procedures on issuance and lifting of Alert/Hold Orders covered by existing orders not inconsistent with this memo order shall be continuously observed.

Please be guided accordingly.

Adopted: 25 March 2002

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Commissioner

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