



Republic of the Philippines
Philippine Economic Zone Authority

MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 2023-005

TO : ALL PEZA-REGISTERED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES
ALL PEZA ACCREDITED BORKERS/FORWARDERS/TRUCKERS
ALL PEZA JOINT PEZA-CUSTOMS OFFICES (JPCOs)
ALL PEZA ZONE ADMINISTRATORS/ZONE MANAGERS/OICs

FROM : TERESO O. PANGA
Director General

DATE : 31 MAY 2023

SUBJECT : REMOVAL OF PEZA SEAL AS A REQUIREMENT FOR ALL
CONTAINERIZED IMPORT SHIPMENTS OF PEZA REGISTERED
ENTERPRISES (RBEs)

Under PEZA Memorandum Circular No. 2020-0019 which provides for the "Online PEZA e-Import Permit Validation by PEZA-JPCOs at the NAIA, MICP and POM while Under the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ)," in the facilitation of PEZA RBEs' entry declaration on their import shipments to be discharged in said ports.

The said PEZA MC further provides that: "9. For import shipments at the POM and MCIT, the PEZA seal requirement for the PEZA seal to be affixed to the containerized cargo prior to release from the port, is temporarily suspended until the PEZA-JPCO personnel have physically reported for work at the PEZA-JPCO port office upon the lifting of the ECQ; provided the corresponding shipping seal shall remain intact / not compromised/untampered up to the final ecozone destination of the containerized shipment."

To date, PEZA-JPCOs in NAIA, MICP and POM continue to implement online validation of PEZA eIPs, which is found to be more efficient and transparent. The "online" eIP validation has become the "new normal" process of PEZA-JPCOs in Metro Manila and has been replicated in other PEZA-JPCOs in Luzon i.e., Port of Batangas, Clark and Subic.

Likewise, containerized import shipments are now equipped with the "Electronic Customs Seal" upon the BOC's implementation of the Electronic Tracking of Containerized Cargo System (ETRACC). While PEZA strongly expressed apprehension and lobbied for the Risk-based approach on the implementation of the ETRACC, this was nevertheless implemented in accordance with the provisions of the Customs and Tariff Modernization Act (CMTA).

In view of the above, the tagging feature of the PEZA eIPS, the on-going development of PEZA's access to the ETRACC System for real-time viewing and the operationalization of the PEZA Command Center, the PEZA Management has decided to permanently remove the PEZA seal requirement for containerized import shipments where the on-line validation of the eIP are in placed. Thus, same shall result to further ease of doing business while instituting a more transparent and efficient manner of monitoring the movement of containerized import shipments of PEZA RBEs.

For your guidance and strict compliance.

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