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1) pick up good news letter -
memo on memo to
came to EDC BOCOR.
2) Reply letter to acknowledge
this of thanks to
Carson Bigger
Thank: 

Dear Mr. Perlada:

This is in reply to your letter dated 18 September 2012 regarding problems raised by the private sector from the Ecozones concerning payment of overtime services of the Bureau of Customs employees.

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In compliance with the Memorandum dated August 3, 2012 of Secretary Cesar V. Purisima, Department of Finance to the undersigned, stating among others, that BOC should shoulder the overtime pay of all BOC personnel regardless of the location of the work area, the undersigned, has issued a Memorandum dated 10 August 2012 to that effect, copy hereto attached. The Memorandum is clear that the discontinuance of the charging of overtime pay against private entities at airports, seaports and all other facilities, i.e. PEZA zones shall be effective 1 August 2012. Hence, effective this date, private entities in all Ecozones should not pay BOC employees even if they render services beyond the regular office hours from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM as requested by locators. This was circulated to all District and Sub-port Collectors nationwide.

As per report, the Port Collector, Laguna Peza Customs Office and Cavite Peza Customs Office, both under the Port of Manila issued their respective guidelines, among which, requires that locators shall file a written request with the BOC at least 24 hours prior to the required overtime service so that appropriate personnel can be made available. It is believed that this requirement is valid and reasonable enough for the following reasons:

1. A written request is a required documentation for attachment to an Authority to Render Overtime Services to be issued so that BOC personnel can claim overtime pay.
2. In view of the sudden instructions, BOC was not able to prepare the manpower requirements for a continuous 24 x 7 operations in PEZA zones. You will note that the August 10, 2012 Memorandum instructions for a shifting schedule covers only CIQ services that are rendered in international airports.

Please be informed that Laguna and Cavite Customs Peza Offices are only ad-hoc offices and without their own plantilla positions. These were created a few years back in order to facilitate clearance of importations and exportations of locators inside the Zones. While the request for their formal creation as subports of entry and for corresponding positions was submitted with the BOC Rationalization Plan under EO 366, this is still pending with the DBM for years.

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Meanwhile, the current personnel of both offices are on loan from other divisions in the Bureau which is impossible to further increase at this time. Just for emphasis, the Bureau's actual manpower is down to only 50% of its authorized plantilla positions brought about by this pending Rationalization Plan.

Rest assured that the Bureau is taking action to increase its complement for a 24 x 7 operations. However, this cannot be achieved instantly. Again, we wish to inform you that we have been working on a 24 x 7 manning requirements for international airports over the last two years but we are still far from achieving the ideal.

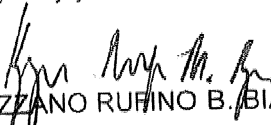
For the meantime that we are working on this, the current complement will have to be informed of additional service requirements so that they can properly schedule adequate personnel. As private entities with efficient operations, we are sure that such information is available at their disposal.

I hope that we will be able to meet half-way through these initial difficulties as we try to smoothen the operations for our mutual benefits. I have requested Coll. Rogel Gatchalian, District Collector, Port of Manila to further discuss details with you and your staff.

With reference to other Economic Zones under the jurisdiction of other ports, rest assured that we will call attention to their full compliance. For the meantime, please inform all your locators in all Peza Zones not to pay for any overtime services to BOC personnel effective August 1, 2012.

Thank you and best regards.

Very truly yours,


ROZZANO RUFINO B. BIAZON
Commissioner



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cc. Coll. Rogel Gatchalian, District Collector, POM
Hon. Secretary Cesar V. Purisima, DOF
Hon. Secretary Gregory L. Domingo, DTI
Hon. Lilia B. de Lima, Director General, PEZA
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