

**[CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 001-02,
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**PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF X-RAY MACHINE AS AN
ALTERNATIVE TO ACTUAL PHYSICAL EXAMINATION TO FURTHER
SPEED UP THE EXAMINATION OF SHIPMENTS AND THE
MOVEMENT OF CARGOES IN THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS**

WHEREAS, there is a need to promote global competitiveness of the Philippines in order to gain higher and more sustained level of confidence from local and foreign investors;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that Philippine trade systems and processes be made adaptable to, and utilize advances in modern technology;

WHEREAS, inherent in transparency and good governance is the need to enhance law enforcement;

WHEREAS, the volume of Philippine importations compared to the manpower complement of the Bureau of Customs necessitates the needs for additional tool to facilitate the movement of shipments/cargoes requiring physical examination or inspection, especially for detecting anti-social goods such as guns and prohibited substances;

WHEREAS, in the pursuit of trade facilitation and law enforcement, and to provide optimum service for the transacting public in the Bureau of Customs, to effectively reduce the number of shipments that may be subjected to actual physical inspection with a higher degree of positive results and pinpointing with accuracy the shipments that need to be subjected to physical examination;

The Bureau of Customs, by virtue of its mandate and powers, shall provide for the use of Container X-ray Machine as an alternative to actual physical examination to further speed up the examination of shipments and movement of cargoes.

SECTION 1. Specifications. — To ensure optimum service, the Container X-ray machine shall have the following features:

(1) LOW PRICE, as it will affect the economic viability of operations as well as schedule of fees to be charged on the transacting public;

(2) FULL MAINTENANCE SERVICE to ensure continuous, uninterrupted operations;

(3) TRAINING FOR OPERATIONS OF THE X-RAY MACHINE for more efficient use and service;