



Legal Watch

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Bureau of Customs (BOC)

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Strict Compliance with Ninety (90) Day Re – Exportation Period for Containers Under CAO No. 09-2019

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<https://customs.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/2026-69-AOCG-MEMO.pdf>

SUMMARY

This memorandum implements monitoring directives under Customs Administrative Order (CAO) No. 9-2019 of the Bureau of Customs, requiring strict oversight of the movement and dwell time of all incoming and outgoing containers. District Collectors are directed to ensure compliance with prescribed container dwell times to support proper abandonment proceedings and collection of duties and taxes on overstaying shipments. The policy reiterates that containers must be re-exported within the allowable period from the date of last cargo discharge, subject to Bureau monitoring and notification requirements, and mandates regular reporting of overstaying containers to designated central offices on a weekly basis using a prescribed format.

ACTIONABLE ADVICE

Shipping lines, freight forwarders, importers, exporters, and customs brokers should closely monitor container dwell times to avoid exposure to abandonment proceedings, additional storage costs, and possible duty and tax liabilities. Businesses should implement internal tracking systems for container arrivals, discharge dates, and clearance timelines to ensure timely re-export or withdrawal of cargo within the allowable period. Companies should also coordinate proactively with their brokers and shipping partners to resolve any delays in documentation or clearance, as overstaying containers will be subject to formal reporting and possible enforcement action by customs authorities.

