

MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 47

PRESCRIBING A UNIFORM PROCEDURE ON THE DISPOSITION OF FIREARMS, PARTS OF FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, OR INSTRUMENTS USED IN THE MANUFACTURE THEREOF, AND EXPLOSIVES AND THEIR INGREDIENTS COMING FROM ABROAD, SAVE THOSE IMPORTED BY AND BELONGING TO THE NEW ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES

In order to establish a uniform procedure on the disposition of firearms, parts of firearms, ammunition or instruments used in the manufacture thereof, and explosives and their ingredients coming from abroad, except those specifically imported by and belonging to the New Armed Forces of the Philippines, the following guidelines shall be followed:

1. For firearms, parts of firearms, ammunition or instruments used in the manufacture thereof:

(a) Those covered by permit/authority to import issued by the Headquarters Philippine Constabulary. -

(i) Upon arrival at the port of entry or when the firearms, parts of firearms, ammunition, or instruments used or intended to be used in the manufacture thereof are entered through the Bureau of Customs or Bureau of Posts, the articles shall be deposited by the importer, consignee or possessor with the Collector of Customs/Postmaster who shall issue a receipt therefor.

(ii) The claimant shall then notify the Commanding Officer, Firearms and Explosives Unit, Philippine Constabulary, Camp Crame, Quezon City, Metro Manila of such deposit, and request the transfer and deposit thereof to the Firearms and Explosives Unit enclosing therewith a copy of the receipt issued by the Collector of Customs/Postmaster.

(iii) A duly authorized representative of the Firearms and Explosives Unit shall be sent who shall receive under receipt the articles from the

Collector of Customs/Postmaster, and who shall deposit the articles with the Firearms and Explosives Unit.

(iv) The articles shall remain deposited with the Firearms and Explosives Unit until the corresponding license/permit shall have been issued.

(b) Those not covered by permit/authority to import issued by the Headquarters Philippine Constabulary. -

(i) The Collector of Customs/Postmaster shall immediately notify the Commanding Officer, Firearms and Explosives Unit, Philippine Constabulary, Camp Crame, Quezon City, Metro Manila of any such articles seized, confiscated, taken into custody or found by them for the transfer of such articles to the Firearms and Explosives Unit.

(ii) The Firearms and Explosives Unit shall send its duly authorized representative who shall receive the articles under receipt from the Collector of Customs/Postmaster and who shall deposit the articles with the Firearms and Explosives Unit.

(iii) The articles shall remain deposited with the Firearms and Explosives Unit until disposed of by competent authorities.

2. For explosives and explosives ingredients:

(a) Those covered by permit/authority to import issued by the Headquarters Philippine Constabulary. -
The Headquarters Philippine Constabulary Standing Operating Procedure (SOP) Number 9, dated April 12, 1975, entitled "Control and Supervision of the Importation, Sale, Possession and Use of Explosives", as amended, shall be observed in the transport and deposit of explosives and explosives ingredients.

(b) Those not covered by permit/authority to import issued by the Headquarters Philippine Constabulary. -

(i) The Collector of Customs/Postmaster shall immediately notify the Commanding Officer, Firearms and Explosives Unit, Philippine Constabulary, Camp

Crame, Quezon City, and other places, and explosives ingredients seized, confiscated, taken into custody or found by them for the transfer of such articles to the Firearms and Explosives Unit.

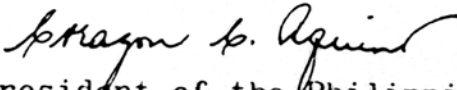
(ii) The Firearms and Explosives Unit shall send its representative to inspect and guard the articles until they are transported to appropriate magazines as designated by the Firearms and Explosives Unit. The representative shall issue a receipt therefor to the Collector of Customs/Postmaster.

(iii) The explosives and explosives ingredients shall remain so deposited in the designated magazines until disposed of by competent authorities.

The Chief of Constabulary shall, in consultation with the Commissioner of Customs and the Postmaster General, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Memorandum Order.

All laws, orders, issuances and rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Memorandum Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

This Memorandum Order shall take effect immediately.


President of the Philippines

Manila, November 7, 1986