



**JOINT DOH-DTI-DA-DOJ-DILG-BOC  
CIRCULAR NO. 001 (S2020)**

**SUBJECT : IMPLEMENTATION OF SEIZURE AND RELATED PROCEEDINGS FOR GOODS NECESSARY TO ADDRESS THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT (RA) 7581, AS AMENDED BY RA 10623, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PRICE ACT AND RA 10863, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CUSTOMS MODERNIZATION AND TARIFF ACT, IN RELATION TO RA 11469, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BAYANIHAN TO HEAL AS ONE ACT**

**DATE : APR 24 2020**

In the exigency of the service, in accordance with the provisions of RA 7581, as amended by RA 10623, otherwise known as the Price Act, and the provisions of RA 10863, otherwise known as the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act, and as further authorized under Sections 4(i), 4(k) and 7 of RA 11469, otherwise known as the Bayanihan to Heal As One Act, the Department of Health (DOH), the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), the Department of Agriculture (DA), the Department of Justice (DOJ), the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), and the Bureau of Customs (BOC), shall undertake the seizure of articles, whether locally produced or manufactured or imported or introduced into the Philippine market, which are held, hoarded, manipulated, sold, or otherwise disposed of in violation of the Price Act or the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act, in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. **Covered goods.** The goods subject of this Joint Circular shall be those confiscated by law enforcement agencies in the course of their operations, more particularly: (a) those considered basic necessities or prime commodities by the Implementing Agencies in accordance with the Price Act; and (b) health products and other goods intended to address the CoVid-19 public health emergency or articles of prime necessity under the Bayanihan to Heal as One Act.
2. **Implementing Agencies.** Implementing Agencies include the Department of Trade and Industry, the Bureau of Customs, the Department of Health, the Department of Agriculture, or such other Department, Bureau or Office authorized under the Price Act, the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act, or under any other law, to conduct proceedings for the seizure, forfeiture and disposition of covered goods.
3. **Deputation.** The Philippine National Police (PNP) Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG), the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), and other Law Enforcement Agencies (hereinafter, "Deputized Personnel") are hereby