

Background:

Super Typhoon Haiyan (locally named Yolanda), the strongest typhoon in the world this year, devastated the Visayas region of the Philippines. On 09 November, the Government accepted the offer of assistance from the U.N. and the Philippine Humanitarian Country Team. The Government of the Philippines is leading the relief operations.

The joint Government/UN rapid needs assessment in Tacloban, Leyte, has highlighted the vital need for logistics assistance. In the affected areas, except for the Cebu airport, all other airports have been rendered unusable. The Government and the will use the Cebu airport (in Cebu province, west of Tacloban) as the main entry point for international relief assistance.

Overview:

In order to streamline the customs procedures for humanitarian organisations bringing relief good into the Philippines, a “One-Stop-Shop” has been established in Cebu.

The Purpose of the “One-Stop-Shop” is to bring together in a single location the key staff, necessary for expediting customs clearances for humanitarian cargo, for the selected agencies including representatives of: the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the Department of Health, The Bureau of Food and Drugs, the Ministry of Finance (MoF), and the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA).

Organisations bringing goods into the Philippines are encouraged to notify the “One-Stop-Shop” so they can begin the necessary proceedings **before** the cargo arrives in country.

Process:

Letter of request for Parking/Landing to Mactan Cebu International Airport Authority (MCIAA) addressed to:

Engr. Miguel Paul C. Villarete
General Manager
Mactan Cebu International Airport Authority
Phone: (032) 340 2486 local 1560-1561

Before arrival of any shipment, consignee should secure the following documents:

1. Deed of Donation to DSWD (Notarized)
2. Letter of Acceptance from the DSWD
3. Packing List
4. Air Waybill
5. Letter of Request for Release addressed to:

ATTY. KENNETH SESANTE
Officer-in-Charge
Passenger Service

The above required documents shall be submitted to:
Customs, Immigration and Quarantine (CIQ) Section

There is no Blanket Tax Exemption granted, but organisations can request one bilaterally through their line ministry as per normal procedures.

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