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TRADE RELATED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT 2

BRIEF ACTIVITY REPORT

Activity Title:	Customs Transit System Writeshop
Component 3:	Trade Facilitation
Activity Number:	3.7.1.4
Date:	16-17 November 2009
Partner Agency:	Bureau of Customs



Members of the BOC Technical Working Group led by Deputy Commissioner Reynaldo Nicolas (inset) gather to craft the enabling policy and regulations on adopting the GPS-assisted monitoring and tracking of cargo in transit on November 2009. The adoption of GPS is expected to improved the efficiency of the BOC to contain diversion and highjacking of cargoes in transit.

Outcome:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revised draft of Customs Administrative Order (CAO)• Final draft of Customs Memorandum Order (CMO)• Next steps and strategies to be done in order to effect the issuance of CAO and CMO
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Objective:	Develop an enabling policy and rules and regulations to effectively and efficiently implement the proposed enhanced Customs Transit/ Transshipment System
Methodology:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An orientation and discussion was conducted by the STE on the latest version of the CAO (based on the results gathered from the second and third consultation workshops) and a set of pre-defined parameters on the coverage of the CMO.• The writeshop was conducted in plenary session.• The participants were the "writers" with a lead person assigned as primary coach in finalizing CMO.• Participants reviewed, commented, agreed, and revised the draft CMO on a section-to-section basis. Based on the final version of the draft CMO, the participants revised the draft CAO.• Participants identified next step activities to effect the issuance of CAO and CMO by DOF and BOC, respectively.
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