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CQA, USCG, and PAG sign MOU: Force Multiplier

BARRIGADA, GUAM – A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Customs and Quarantine Agency (CQA), the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam (USCG), and the Port Authority of Guam (PAG) was signed into effect on April 6, 2018.

The MOU serves to maximize joint inspections by allocating personnel from all three entities when conducting inspections of containers at the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port. Items agreed to include methods of identifying containers for inspections, processes of container inspections, and post inspection practices. The MOU also identifies procedure in the event of exigent circumstances.



Director James T. McDonald (CQA) and Captain Chris Chase (USCG)

“This MOU serves as a force multiplier for Customs when conducting container inspections. We will continue to make every effort to maximize joint inspections opportunities to better serve the community,” said James T. McDonald, CQA Director.

Captain Chase adds, “by leveraging joint enforcement authorities during interagency operations, we are able to maximize federal and local laws throughout the port, ensuring the safety and security of cargo coming into Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.”