

## **CUSTOMS & QUARANTINE AGENCY, GUAM**

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## **CQA** and **USCG** Sector Guam: Committed to Collaborative Efforts

BARRIGADA, GUAM – Director James T. McDonald of the Customs and Quarantine Agency (CQA) and Captain of the Port, Chris Chase, United States Coast Guard Sector Commander met today reaffirming their commitment to collaborative efforts.

Mr. James T. McDonald and Captain Chase, along with support staff, met today to discuss an MOA between CQA, the USCG Sector Guam, relative to container operations, specifically HAZMAT containers.



LCDR Joshua M. Empen, LT Tim Williams, Director James T. McDonald, Captain Chris Chase, and Chief Vincent S.N. Perez (L-R).

"In line with the Governor's vision of collaboration to protect our community, we are always willing to collaborate with our federal, local, and regional counterparts who are willing. This was our first meeting and we already have a draft MOA on the table. I look forward to future meetings and efforts toward better protecting our island and home," McDonald.

The MOA outlines responsibilities of each entity to include methods of identifying contains for inspection, process of inspections, post inspection processes, and exigent circumstance protocols.

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