Order of the Chief Executive 229/2017

Exercising the powers and functions conferred by Article 50 of the Basic Law of the Macao Special Administrative Region and pursuant to paragraph 2 of Article 17 of Law 11/2001 (Customs Service of the Macao Special Administrative Region), as amended by Law 6/2017, the Chief Executive orders:

Article 1 Dual-channel system

1. The Customs Service of the Macao Special Administrative Region, hereinafter referred to as the SA, may carry out customs controls on goods, cash and bearer negotiable instruments in accordance with the simplified dual-channel system or the red/green channel system, which enables the SA to ensure that customs formalities relating to travellers are accomplished in a more expeditious manner.

2. The SA may suspend the application of the simplified system whenever the circumstances require full control of all passengers and their baggage.

Article 2 Features of the dual-channel system

- 1. The dual-channel system shall have the following features:
 - 1) The system shall allow travellers to choose between two types of channels: red channel and green channel;
 - 2) The red channel shall be used when travellers carry goods that are subject to mandatory declaration or import or re-import prohibitions or restrictions;
 - 3) The green channel shall be used by other travellers when the preceding subparagraph does not apply;
 - 4) In order to allow travellers to choose the channel to use, easily and with knowledge, each channel shall be clearly and distinctively marked, as follows:
 - (1) The red channel shall be marked with a red sign and with the words "Goods to declare";
 - (2) The green channel shall be marked with a green sign and with the words "Nothing to declare";

(3) The route leading to the red and green channels shall have a visible sign.

Article 3

Relationship between the dual channels and the baggage delivery area

The red and green channels shall be located beyond the baggage delivery area so that travellers have all their baggage with them when choosing their channel.

Article 4

Obligations to provide information to travellers

1. With regards to the provision of information to travellers, the SA shall ensure the following:

1) The provision of sufficient information about the nature and quantities of goods, cash or bearer negotiable instruments each traveller may carry when using the green channel, allowing each traveller to choose one of the channels, as well as the required form so as to fully comply with the duty to declare;

2) The existence of information panels or posters, with precise and clear instructions, about the duty to declare in the border checkpoints of the Macao Special Administrative Region.

2. Transport companies and travel agencies shall cooperate with the SA and shall provide travellers with leaflets containing the respective instructions and the form referred to in the preceding paragraph.

Article 5 Languages used in signs and information

The words and expressions mentioned in Article 2 and the information referred to in the preceding article shall be in official languages and in the English language.

Article 6 Entry into force

This order shall enter into force on 1 November 2017.

Enacted on 10 July 2017.

The Chief Executive, Chui Sai On