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**SUBJECT : PNP LOI 2007-50 (Creation of TASK FORCE "BANTAY BIHIS")**

**TO : See Distribution**

**I. REFERENCES:**

a) PNP LOI 2005 "TAMANG BIHIS", Campaign against the Illegal Manufacture, Distribution, Sale and Use of PNP Uniforms, Insignias and other Accoutrements, which include the materials for their production.

b) Executive Order No 297 dated October 04, 2000, "Regulating the Manufacture, Sale, Distribution and Use of PNP Uniforms, Insignias and other Accoutrements";

c) Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of EO No. 297;

d) Article 179, RA No. 3815 as amended, the Revised Penal Code of 1932, re-"Illegal Use of Uniform and Insignia";

e) Proposed Organizational Charts – TF "BANTAY BIHIS" – Annex "A".

**II. PURPOSE:**

This Letter of Instruction 2007-50 defines the creation of TF "BANTAY BIHIS" that shall be employed during the intensified implementation of LOI 2005 "TAMANG BIHIS", the campaign against the Illegal Manufacture, Distribution, Sale and illegal use of PNP Uniforms, Insignias and other Accoutrements including the materials for their production. This campaign is expected to minimize if not totally eradicate unauthorized or sub-standard uniform, equipment and accoutrements that are available in the market. The operational activity of Task Force "BANTAY BIHIS" shall be strengthened by the provisions of EO 297 and other related laws such as RA 3815 and Art 179 of the Revised Penal Code; while its administrative aspect shall be guided by the existing provisions of the PNP Rules and Regulations.

**III. SITUATION:**

Efforts of the PNP to curb and regulate the unauthorized manufacture, distribution, sale and use of PNP uniforms, insignias and other accoutrements have not been successful. People engaged in this kind of business sprouted in the market with no concern on approved specifications and standard materials in their production, selling and distribution of PNP uniforms and accoutrements.

\* The unauthorized and sub-standard productions of PNP uniforms, insignias and other accoutrements and use of non-specs materials for their productions in the market may result to destructive criticisms on the image-building of the PNP. The non-uniformity and non-conformity of textiles' colors, designs and materials use in the production of PNP uniforms and use of sub-standard materials of metals on insignias and other accoutrements will stain the image of the PNP personnel in uniform and shall bring shame on the credibility of the whole PNP in general.

On serious instances, lawless individuals take advantage in purchasing PNP uniforms, insignias and other accoutrements from authorized and unauthorized manufacturers, dealers and sellers for their own illegal intentions. Consequently, it is an embarrassment for the image-building of the PNP to see the organization in adverse situation. Hence, the formation and activation of TASK FORCE "BANTAY BIHIS" is necessary, to administer the *screening, inspection and investigation of the manufacturers, distributors, sellers and retailers of PNP uniforms, equipment and insignias* for the accomplishment of LOI "TAMANG BIHIS".

#### **IV. MISSION:**

The PNP through its TASK FORCE "BANTAY BIHIS" shall administer the implementation of LOI 2005 "TAMANG BIHIS" and other related laws, insure proper wearing of standard uniforms by PNP personnel and stop the manufacture and sale of unauthorized or sub-standard PNP uniforms and accessories.

#### **V. OBJECTIVES:**

The formation of Task Force "BANTAY BIHIS", which shall be composed of officers and personnel from the different offices of the PNP, shall have the following objectives:

- a. Complete compliance by all PNP personnel in wearing the authorized and prescribed uniforms, insignias and accoutrements set by the PNP Uniform and Equipment Standardization Board and duly approved by the NAPOLCOM;
- b. Stoppage in the supply of unauthorized uniforms relentless and intensified campaigns against known illegal manufacturers, sellers, distributors and users of unauthorized PNP uniforms, insignias and other accoutrements;
- c. Well informed public and PNP personnel thru information campaign measures being implemented relative to this matter through tri-media;
- d. Appropriate cases/charges filed against persons/ individuals found to be violating this LOI.

#### **VI. EXECUTION:**

##### **A. Concept of Operations:**

For efficient and actual performance of TF "BANTAY BIHIS", three (3) Courses of Action are outlined as basis in the successful implementation of this LOI 2005-"TAMANG BIHIS".

##### **a. ACTION 1 – Identification and Dissemination of Information**

a. Identify all PNP known manufacturers, dealers and suppliers of PNP uniforms, insignias and other accoutrements and inform them of the provisions stated in LOI 2005 "TAMANG BIHIS".

a.2. On the spot inspection of personnel to ensure that they are all complying and wearing the prescribed PNP uniforms, insignias and other accoutrements. After which, the team inspecting shall conduct PI & E to persuade and encourage PNP personnel to buy only at the PNP SSS and at its outlets including PNP cooperative stores.

#### **b. ACTION 2 – Intelligence Efforts**

b.1. Information gathering and production of intelligence re- illegal and unauthorized manufacture, distribution, sale and illegal use of PNP uniforms, insignias and other accoutrements.

b.2. Case build-up on OCGs (Organized Crime Groups) or individuals disguising as policemen in the conduct of their nefarious activities.

#### **c. ACTION 3 – Law Enforcement and Investigation**

c.1. Exercise visitorial power pursuant to the provisions of section 4 of EO 297 and the IRR (Implementing Rules and Regulations) signed by the C, PNP on February 08, 2006, to all known dealers, manufacturers and sellers of PNP uniforms, insignias and other accoutrements.

c.2. Filing of administrative, civil and/or criminal charges against violators of LOI 2005 "TAMANG BIHIS" and its related laws.

c.3. After filing of civil and or criminal charges for flagrant violations of LOI 2005 "TAMANG BIHIS", recommend for immediate closure and cancellation of business permits and include the name(s) to the list of blacklisted suppliers, dealers, manufacturers for future reference.

#### **B. TASKS:**

##### **> DPRM**

- "BANTAY BIHIS"
- > Issue orders for the activation of TF "BANTAY BIHIS"
  - > Issue orders of PNP personnel to compose TF "BANTAY BIHIS"
  - > Detail Ex-O, DPRM as Deputy Task Force Commander
  - > OPR in the conduct of inspections and compliance of the PNP personnel in the proper wearing and usage of PNP uniforms, equipment, insignias and accoutrements;
  - > Perform other tasks as directed

##### **> DRD**

- BIHIS";
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- > OPR of LOI 2007-1, Creation of Task Force "BANTAY BIHIS";
  - > Monitor closely the execution of TF "BANTAY BIHIS";
  - > Designate DDRD as TF Commander, TF "BANTAY BIHIS"; and
  - > Perform other tasks as directed

#### **3. DI/IG**

- > Detail PCO (C, CSD for DI and C, CIOD for IG)/PNCO personnel to compose the intelligence staff of the TF "Bantay-Bihis in the national level;

- Detail Regional Officers and PNCOs to compose the intelligence staff of the TF "Bantay-Bihis in the regional level;
- Provide intelligence support by gathering information, case-build-up and evidence gathering and preservation; and
- Perform other tasks as directed.

#### **4. DL**

- Ensure the procurement of authorized uniforms, insignias and accoutrements;
- Provide logistical support to the Task Force "Bantay-Bihis";
- Detail PCO (C, Supply Management Division)/PNCO to compose the logistics staff of the Task Force; and
- Perform other tasks as directed.

#### **5. DC**

- Provide appropriate funds to support the operational and administrative activities of the Task Force "Bantay-Bihis"; and
- Perform other tasks as directed.

#### **6. DIDM**

- Conduct Pre-Charge Investigation and file appropriate administrative charges against PNP personnel patronizing unauthorized PNP uniforms, insignias and other accoutrements; and
- Perform other tasks as directed.

#### **7. DPCR**

- Undertake police information efforts on LOI "TAMANG BIHIS" and utilize the tri-media on our campaign against illegal manufacturers, dealers/suppliers and illegal use of PNP uniforms, equipment and accoutrements; and
- Perform other tasks as directed.

#### **8. CIDG**

- Detail C, Anti-fraud Division and PNCOs to compose the intelligence and investigation of the TF in the national level;
- Conduct operations against violators and file appropriate charges if evidence warrants; and
- Perform other tasks as directed.

#### **9. Legal Service**

- Designate C, Legal Assistance Division to act as legal adviser of the Task Force "Bantay Bihis";
- Provide legal assistance to the Task Force; and
- Perform other task as directed.

#### **10. PNPSSS**

- Ensure that only authorized uniforms, insignias and accoutrements are sold in the store in coordination with DRD, PROs, Dirs, NSUs; and
- Perform other tasks as directed.

### **11. Other D-Staffs**

- Encourage PNP personnel assigned within respective offices/units to use and patronize only authorized PNP uniforms, insignias and other accoutrements; and
- Perform other tasks as directed.

### **12. Directors, NSus (NASUS and NOSUS)**

- Activate Task Group "Bantay-Bihis" within their Level and Sub-Task Groups on Regional/Provincial Level, whenever applicable;
- Designate Deputy Director for Administration as TG Commander of the TG "Bantay-Bihis" and Chief Admin Division as Deputy Task Group Commander;
- Supervise, orchestrate, direct and administer the conduct of inspections to all personnel and subordinate offices of the unit;
- Ensure the strict implementation of this LOI by all members of the unit.

### **13. RDs, PROs 1-13, COR, ARMM & NCRPO**

- Activate Task Group "Bantay-Bihis" within Regional Level and Sub-Task Groups on Provincial Level;
- Designate DRDA as TG Commander of the TG "Bantay-Bihis" and C, RPHRDD as Deputy Task Group Commander respectively;
- Supervise, orchestrate, direct and administer the conduct of intelligence build-up, active police operations and information campaign against the unauthorized manufacture, sale and distribution of PNP uniforms and equipment;
- Ensure the strict implementation of this LOI within respective AORs;
- Conduct regular inspection to all PNP Offices to ensure that uniforms being worn by PNP personnel are authorized and conforms the right specifications;
- Direct all PDs to activate Provincial Task Group and designate their Dep PDs as TG Commander, TG Bantay Bihis; and
- Perform other tasks as directed.

## **VI. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:**

- a. Respect for human rights must be observed at all times.
- b. Strict adherence to the PNP Operational Procedures (Rules of Engagement) shall be emphasized.
- c. All Chiefs of offices/units are advised to conduct regular inspection to ensure that PNP personnel are patronizing the authorized PNP uniforms, insignias and accoutrements.
- d. All Chiefs of offices/units shall make sure that LOI 2005 "TAMANG BIHIS" is strictly implemented.
- e. Dirs, NSUs and RDs, PRO1-13, ARMM, COR and NCRPO are advised to submit respective IMPLAN to DRD (attn: TF Comdr, TF BANTAY BIHIS NLT ten (10) days upon receipt of approved LOI.

f. Dirs NSUs and RDs, PRO1-13, ARMM, COR and NCRPO shall submit accomplishment report to DRD (attn: TF, Cmdr, TF "BANTAY BIHIS"),

g. Lateral coordination among participating units/offices is highly encouraged.

h. This LOI shall take effect immediately.



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Attachment:

Annex "A" Task Organization TF "BANTAY-BIHIS"  
Annex "B" Organizational Charts

Distribution:

Command Group  
D-Staff  
RDs, PROs  
Dir, NSUs  
Chiefs, Special Staffs/Units  
PNP Service Store System  
CESPO