

## REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS KAGAWARAN NG PANANALAPI

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## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In light of recent reports regarding false representation and the unauthorized use of the Bureau of the Treasury (BTr) logo and/or letterhead, BTr wishes to inform the general public that it has not given permission to any individual or entity to use its logo and/or letterhead nor has it given authority to any person to conduct the collection of remittance through SMS, unofficial email, or any form of social media.

Please be informed that any message through social media, SMS, or unsolicited and unofficial email asking for remittance to BTr is a scam. The scammers behind these fraudulent messages are posing as BTr personnel in an attempt to obtain money from unsuspecting persons.

As a general policy, BTr does not transact with individuals through the said messaging channels. In any case, any electronic correspondence with a BTr personnel will only be made through his or her official BTr email address with the official domain name, "@treasury.gov.ph" or through the official and verified BTr Facebook page and/or Twitter account. Additionally, any fees for any process are paid directly to BTr or through authorized banks and BTr will never ask any person to send payment by check, money order, or wire transfer to any unauthorized person.

We urge the public to be wary of these suspicious messages and to verify first and report any incident to BTr via the Legal Service at email legalod@treasury.gov.ph or through contact number (02) 524-7037.

The BTr also hereby issues a warning to the perpetrators of these scams that unauthorized use of the BTr logo and/or letterhead and the conduct of false representation constitute a violation of applicable laws, and that BTr will not hesitate to file the appropriate charges and take necessary legal action.