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CEZA, being the Appropriate Government Agency (AGA) under R.A. 10927 and its IRR, through the CEZA AML/CTF Task Force, shall perform its functions and mandate specified therein and as shown hereunder, among others, to wit:

“Section 8. Functions of the Appropriate Government Agency. – The functions of the AGA are:

- a) To supervise, assess and monitor, compliance of casinos with obligations under the AMLA, this CIRR, and other applicable issuances;*
- b) To accredit third-party auditors to carry out AML audits on the comprehensiveness and effectiveness of the casinos’ measures to prevent criminal behavior in general and to combat money laundering and terrorist financing in particular;*
- c) Except for covered and suspicious transaction reports, to require casinos to submit necessary information and documentation on AML compliance and those relevant to any violation of the AMLA, this CIRR, and other applicable issuances;*
- d) To implement the necessary measures for restoring the appropriate legal conditions in the event of violations of the AMLA, this CIRR, and other applicable issuances;*
- e) To order precautionary measures for the duration of any investigation or legal proceedings of violations of the AMLA, this CIRR, and other applicable issuances, such as the suspension of the casinos’ license; and*
- f) To provide the AMLC with the results of its inspection in connection with item a) above.*

Section 9. Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Guidelines and Circulars of Appropriate Government Agency. – The AGA shall issue their respective AML/CFT guidelines and circulars for the guidance and compliance of casinos under their respective jurisdictions, to assist the AMLC in effectively implementing the provisions of the AMLA, this CIRR, and other AMLC issuances.”

To effectively enforce the abovementioned mandates, the Technical Working Group shall perform duties and responsibilities as regards technical compliances, assessment and evaluation, and enforcement of the CEZA AML Supervisory Framework and other related rules and regulations and shall furnish recommendations to the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and the members for their review and approval. Moreover, it shall be strategically composed of two (2) Sub-groups responsible for the following duties and responsibilities, but not limited to:

Strategic Analysis Sub-Group	Legal Compliance and Analysis Sub-Group
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify ML/TF-related trends and patterns necessary in assessing the risk factors to the casino sector; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop AML/CFT legislation based on laws, rules, and regulations to be utilized by CEZA as a guideline in implementing these laws, rules, and regulations;
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess the national risk that could affect each covered person's institutional risk assessment; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct operational analysis based on the information to be collected from covered persons related to ML/TF received as part of CEZA's supervising authority;
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perform ML/TF risk-based supervision over-reporting entities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintains database of all covered person of their AML-related activities for monitoring purposes;
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare reports related to the AML risk assessment and other submissions as may be required by other relevant agencies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare reports as may be directed by the National AML/CTF/CPF Coordinating Committee (NACC), the Supervision of Designated Non-Financial Businesses and Profession Sub-Committee (SDSC), the Anti-Money Laundering Committee (AMLC), and other law enforcement agencies;


The Chairperson or its duly authorized representative shall oversee the implementation of the guidelines embodied in the CEZA AML Supervisory Framework and shall coordinate with the National AML/CFT Coordinating Committee, the Anti-Money Laundering Committee, and the Supervision of Designated Non-Financial Businesses and Professions Sub-Committee.

Further, the Chairperson of the Task Force is hereby authorized to enlist additional personnel or reconstitute the composition of the Task Force as she may deem necessary towards the efficient and faithful implementation of this Memorandum Order and the IRR of R.A. 10927 and RA 11521. Further, everyone's cooperation is enjoined on this matter.

All previous Memorandum Orders inconsistent herewith are deemed repealed and/or revoked.

This Memorandum Order shall take effect **immediately**.

Issued this 29th day of May 2024.




SEC. KATRINA PONCE ENRILE
Administrator and Chief Executive Officer


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MEMORANDUM

FOR : 
SEC. KATRINA PONCE ENRILE
Administrator and Chief Executive Office
Chairperson, CEZA AML/CFT Task Force

FROM : 
ATTY. MARICHELLE D. DE GUZMAN
Deputy Administrator for Operations I
Vice-Chairperson, CEZA AML/CTF Task Force

DATE : May 29, 2024

SUBJECT : **RECONSTITUTION OF CEZA ANTI-MONEY
LAUNDERING/ COUNTERING TERRORIST FINANCING
TASK FORCE**

Pursuant to the authority vested by the CEZA Board of Directors to the CEZA AML/CTF Task Force's Chairperson to enlist additional personnel or reconstitute the composition of the Task Force as may deem necessary towards the efficient and faithful implementation of the Implementing Rules or regulations of RA 10927 and RA 11521, the above signed hereby respectfully submits for your approval the recommended reconstitution of the Task Force. The initiative to pursue a reconstitution is due to the following reasons:

1. To emphasize the importance of the roles of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson, the Members, and the Technical Working Group (TWG) in AML legislation;
2. To strategize the delineation of duties and responsibilities among the TWG;
3. To manage efficiently the expected additional covered persons for FY2024.

For your favorable consideration.