



Republic of the Philippines
Supreme Court
Office of the Court Administrator
Manila

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 82-2024

TO : ALL JUDGES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS

**SUBJECT : REITERATION OF CIRCULAR NO. 39-97 (GUIDELINES
IN THE ISSUANCE OF HOLD-DEPARTURE ORDERS)
DATED 19 JUNE 1997**

It has come to the attention of this Office that there are judges of the Regional Trial Courts who fail to include in their decision of acquittal or order of dismissal the cancellation of a previously issued Hold-Departure Order (HDO).

Please be reminded that Item 4 of Circular No. 39-97 requires judges to include in their judgment of acquittal or order of dismissal the cancellation of the said HDO.

In this regard, all concerned are **DIRECTED** to **ISSUE** the appropriate orders cancelling or lifting the HDO, if not done so yet in criminal cases that have been disposed of, and **FURNISH** the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Bureau of Immigration with copies of the said orders within twenty-four (24) hours from their issuance and through the fastest available means of transmittal. Likewise, in subsequent cases, the cancellation or setting aside of the HDO in a particular case should be included in the decision acquitting the accused or in the order dismissing the case, as may be appropriate, copy furnished the aforementioned offices.

For strict compliance.

21 March 2024



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Court Administrator