

Case	Description		
<p><b>Procurement of Search and Rescue Vessel from Tenix</b></p>	<p>Two x 56-metre search and rescue (SAR) vessels have been delivered to the Philippine Coastguard for search and rescue duties in coastal and offshore zones.</p>		
<p><b>Loan Information</b></p>	<p>Its primary mission and functional capabilities are optimised for Search and rescue. Secondary roles can include Pollution monitoring and Crew training.</p>		
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	<p><b>Why is it Illegitimate?</b></p>		
	<p><u>Poor Quality Vessels</u> – Drilon withheld the remaining payment of P649.99 million to Tenix Pty, the Australian firm that supplied the six search and rescue vessels, over reports that the said vessels were of poor quality. It was reported that Coast Guard officers have complained to Senators "in private" that the said Australian vessels were "not really good."</p>		
	<p><u>Unauthorized Transaction</u> – Last 2005, then Senate President Franklin Drilon slammed former officials of the Department of Transportation and Communication (DOTC) for buying P3.52 billion worth of vessels for the Coast Guard without appropriation from Congress. Drilon said DOTC records showed payments for the purchase were never appropriated in the budgets for 2002 to 2004 but funds were released for it. He said the funding was sourced from "unprogrammed funds and realigned funds" from other DOTC projects.</p>		



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