

AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

Notification under Articles 1.4(a) And 8.2(b)

PHILIPPINES

The following communication, dated 6 April 1998, has been received from the Permanent Mission of the Philippines.

Article 1.4(a) - Sources in which information relevant to import licensing is published

1. Official Gazette of the Philippines
2. Annual Reports of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP)
3. Circulars of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
4. Newspapers of national circulation

Article 8.2(b) - Laws/Regulations/Administrative Orders

1. Agricultural products

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Circular No. 109, Series of 1996, dated 16 May 1996, deleted agricultural products listed in Annex A from the list of prohibited/regulated commodities enumerated under Appendices 1 and 2 of CB Circular No. 1389, series of 1993, as amended.

2. Vehicles, trucks and buses

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Circular No. 92, dated 19 October 1995, lifted the restrictions on the importation of new vehicles, used trucks above six tons and used buses above twelve tons.

3. Oil and petroleum products

- (i) Republic Act No. 8180, dated 28 March 1996 - An Act Deregulating The Downstream Oil Industry, And For Other Purposes and its Rules and Regulations, liberalized the importation of crude oil and petroleum products subject to the rules and regulations of the Department of Energy.
- (ii) a Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Circular No. 112, dated 2 August 1996 - lifted the prior clearance from the Department of Energy or the Energy Regulatory Board of the importation of refined petroleum products and exportation of oil and petroleum products. Accordingly, CB Circular No. 1389, s. 1993, as amended, is further

amended to delete refined petroleum products from the list of regulated import commodities, and oil and petroleum products from the list of regulated export products.

4. Plants and plant products

- (i) Bureau of Plant Industry Administrative Order No.1 -Rules and regulations to implement PD 1433 the law entitled Promulgating the Plant Quarantine Law of 1978, thereby Revising and Consolidating Existing Plant Quarantine Laws to Improve and Further Strengthen the Plant Quarantine Service of the Bureau of Plant Industry.
- (ii) BPI Quarantine Administrative Order No. 23, Series of 1988 - Regulations for the importations of fresh fruits and vegetables into the Philippines from countries and places infested with Mediterranean fruitfly (*ceratitis capitata*); the Mexican fruitfly (*Anastrepha ludens*); the Queensland fruitfly (*Dacus tryon*) and other fruitflies.
- (iii) Administrative Order No. 13, Series of 1949 - Regulating the importation of rubber plants and parts thereof such as seeds, rubber stumps, budsticks, etc. from Central America in order to prevent the introduction into the Philippine Islands of a disease known as *Dothidella ulei* except for certain purposes and under certain conditions.
- (iv) BPI Special Quarantine Order No. 1.1, Series of 1982 - Regulating the importation of mango plants (*Mangifera* spp. ) and parts thereof from places, areas or countries infested with mango malformation or bunchy-top, woody gall and scaly bark (*cuarteado*), diseases of mango in order to prevent their introduction into the Philippines.
- (v) Plant Quarantine Circular No. 1, Series of 1996 - Guidelines on the importation of garlic.
- (vi) Plant Quarantine Circular No. 2, Series of 1996 - Guidelines on the importation of white potato.
- (vii) Plant Quarantine Circular No. 3, Series of 1996 - Guidelines on the importation of onions.

5. Animals and animal products

- (i) Administrative Order No. 4, 10 September 1980 - Veterinary quarantine services at Philippine ports
- (ii) Administrative Order No. 25, 25 November 1981 - Defining the powers and duties of the Director of the Bureau of Animal Industry relative to animal quarantine, inspection and sanitation as provided under Section 1761-1770 of the Revised Administrative Code.
- (iii) Administrative Order No. 17, 4 April 1988 - Rules and regulations governing the importation, bringing or introduction of poultry meat into the Philippines from foreign countries and prescribing the treatment to which they shall be subject before shipment and after arrival in the Philippines.

- (iv) Administrative Order No. 6, 22 March 1993 - Importation of cooked meat and processed meat at CEPA beef, slaughterhouses and meat processing plant, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- (v) Administrative Order No. 11, 12 April 1993 - Rules governing the importation of meat and meat products from Brazil.
- (vi) Administrative Order No. 19, 10 August 1993 - Rules governing the importation of meat and meat products from India.
- (vii) Administrative Order No. 17, 26 October 1994 - Importation of cooked meat and meat products from Campofrio in Spain.
- (viii) Administrative Order No. 1, 20 January 1995 - Rules governing the importation of meat products from Australia.
- (ix) Administrative Order No. 14, 1 June 1995 - Rules and regulation on beef and beef products importation.
- (x) Administrative Order No. 7, 24 March 1995 - Revised rules and regulations on the control of Foot and Mouth Diseases.
- (xi) Administrative Order No. 21, 22 September 1995 - Rules governing the importation of fresh, frozen beef and beef products from Argentina.
- (xii) Administrative Order No. 5, 14 February 1996 - Rules governing the importation of meat and meat products from France.

6. Fertilizer and pesticide

- (i) Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority Memorandum Circular No. 10, 13 December 1995 - Revised schedule of fees and charges of FPA effective January 1996.

7. Rice

- (i) R.A. No. 3018, P.D. No. 4, as amended by P.D. No. 699 and 1485, P.D. No. 194, and the Rules and Regulations on Grains Business and National Grains Standards for Rice and Corn.

8. Shipping

- (i) Republic Act No. 7471, 5 May 1992 - An act to promote the development of Philippine overseas shipping.
- (ii) Rules and regulations to implement the provisions of R.A. No. 7471, the Philippine Overseas Shipping Development Act, 17 November 1992.
- (iii) Maritime Industry Authority (Marina) Memorandum Circular No. 24-A, 28 April 1987 - Amendment of the guidelines on the importation/charter of inter-island tankers.
- (iv) Memorandum Circular No. 24, 15 July 1982 - Guidelines for the importation and chartering of inter-island tankers.

- (v) Memorandum Circular No. 25, 12 August 1982 - Age and tonnage limitations and classification requirement of various vessel types for inter-island use.
- (vi) Memorandum Circular No. 25-A, 1 June 1983 - Guidelines on the importation of tuna longliners.
- (vii) Memorandum Circular No. 25-B, 23 April 1985 - One year moratorium on fishing vessel importation/chartering guidelines under Memorandum Circular No. 25.
- (viii) Memorandum Circular No. 104, 6 April 1995 - Omnibus guidelines for the acquisition of vessel for domestic operations and fishing vessels/boat.
- (ix) Memorandum Circular No. 25-C - Extension of the Moratorium on Fishing Vessel Importation/Chartering Guidelines Under MC No. 25.B.
- (x) Memorandum Circular No. 25-D - Revised Age and Tonnage (or BHP) Limitations and Classification Requirements of Various Vessel Type for Inter-island Use.
- (xi) Memorandum Circular No. 25-E - Classification Requirement of Various Vessel Type for Inter-island Use.
- (xii) Memorandum Circular No. 121 - Policy Guidelines in the Regulations of High Speed Craft.
- (xiii) Memorandum Circular No. 124 - Revised Classification Requirements for Vessels in Domestic Trade.

9. Energy

- (i) Department of Energy, Energy Industry Administration Bureau - Guideline and Procedure For Coal Importation.

10. Motor vehicle, parts and components

- (i) Board of Investments, MO No. 346 - Import Licences for the Importation of Component Parts and/or Accessories for the Assembly of Passenger Cars, Commercial.

11. Environment and natural resource products

- (i) DENR Administrative Order No. 97-08 - Guidelines Governing the Entry and Disposition of Imported Logs, Lumber, Veneer, Plywood, Poles and Piles, and Pulpwood Including Wood Chips.
- (ii) DENR Administrative Order No. 17, Series of 1994 - Registration of Agents, Contractors and Dealers on Imported Logs, Lumber, Veneer and Commercial Poles and Piles.
- (iii) DENR Administrative Order No. 28, Series of 1994 - Interim Guidelines for the Importation of Recyclable Materials Containing Hazardous Substances.

- (iv) DENR Administrative Order No. 28, Series of 1997 - Amending Annex A of DAO No. 28 Series of 1994 "Interim Guidelines for the Importation of Recyclable Materials Containing Hazardous Substances".
- (v) DENR Administrative Order No. 29, Series of 1992 - Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act. No. 6969, Otherwise Known as "Toxic Substances and Hazardous and Nuclear Wastes Control Act of 1990".

12. Firearms, explosives and related products

- (i) Executive Order No. 256 date 21 December 1995 and its IRR date 23 May 1996 - Revising Executive Order No. 58, Series of 1987, By Rationalizing the Fees and Charges on Firearms, Ammunition, Spare Parts, Accessories, Components, Explosives, Explosive Ingredients, Pyrotechnics and Firecrackers.
- (ii) Republic Act No. 7183 dated 30 January 1992 and its IRR dated 22 July 1994 - An Act Regulating the Sale, Manufacture, Distribution and Use of Firecrackers and Other Pyrotechnic Devices.

13. Agriculture and agricultural products

- (i) Republic Act No. 8178 dated 28 March 1996 - An Act Replacing Quantitative Import Restrictions on Agricultural Products Except Rice, With Tariffs, Creating the Competitiveness Enhancing Fund, and For Other Purposes.
- (ii) Department of Agriculture Administrative Order No. 8, Series of 1997 - Prescribes the Guidelines for Allocating Tariff Quota Licences.

14. Dangerous drugs

- (i) Republic Act No. 6423, as amended - The Dangerous Drugs Law of 1972.
- (ii) 1988 United Nations Convention Against Illicit Trafficking on Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, which was ratified by the Philippine Senate on 26 February 1996.

15. Radioactive materials

- (i) Administrative Order No.1, Series of 1994 - Amending Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 1981, "Establishing the Code of PAEC Regulations".
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