



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS
MANILA 1099

October 26, 2009

CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 4-2009

SUBJECT: Temporary Suspension of the Operational Provisions of CAO 2-97 Governing the 150-day Allowable Dwell-Time of Foreign Containers in the Philippines

In view of the global economic downturn that has resulted to a steep decline in container demand, a sudden surge of vessel lay-ups worldwide and a significant slowdown in the movement and repositioning of empty containers in Asia, including the Philippines, the operational provisions of CAO 2-97 subjecting foreign containers to payment of duties, taxes and other charges in the event that their stay exceeds the 150-day dwell-time, is hereby temporarily suspended subject to the following conditions:

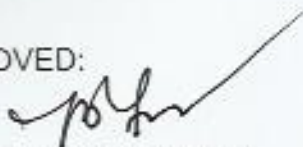
1. the suspension shall apply to containers that arrived in January 2009 onwards but not later than December 31, 2009; and
2. the suspension shall only be until December 31, 2009 unless extended further by the Department of Finance upon meritorious grounds.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

NAPOLEON L. MORALES
Commissioner



APPROVED:


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Secretary of Finance

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