February 22, 2010

CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM ORDER
NO. 10-2010

TO: All Deputy Commissioners
    All Directors / Chiefs
    All District / Port Collectors
    All Others Concerned

SUBJECT: Reduction of the Definitive General Safeguard Measures against the Importations of Clear Float Glass - HS Heading No. 7005.2990 or AHTN No. 7005.2990 and Tinted Float Glass - HS Heading No. 7005.2190 or AHTN 7005.2190 from Various Countries.

Pursuant to the 1st Indorsement dated 11 February 2010 of the Department of Finance signed by Undersecretary Estela V. Sales, referring for implementation the Orders of the Honorable Secretary, Department of Trade and Industry dated January 13, 2010 in Safeguard Investigation No. 01-2006 entitled "In the Matter of the Final Extension of the Definitive Safeguard Measure Against the Importation of Figured Glass From Various Countries - HS Code No. 7003.1290 or AHTN Nos. 7003.1220 and 7003.1290 and HS Code No. 7003.1990 or AHTN No. 7003-1990 and Safeguard Investigation No. 02-2006 entitled "In the Matter of the Reduction of the Definitive General Safeguard Measures Against the Importation of Clear Float Glass - HS Heading No. 7005-2990 or AHTN No. 7005.2990 and Tinted Float Glass - HS Heading No. 7005-2190 or AHTN Nos. 7005.2190) From Various Countries, with AGC Flat Glass Philippines, Inc.(AGPH) (Formerly, Asahi Glass Phils., Inc.) as petitioner", the dispositive portion of which is quoted hereunder:

"The Commission concluded that the safeguard measure on figured glass continues to be necessary to prevent the recurrence of serious injury and that there is evidence that the domestic industry is making adjustments to import competition. The Commission recommended the following:

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Pursuant to the findings and recommendations of the Commission, the DTI Secretary issued the following Orders as follows:

1. Safeguard Investigation No. 01-2006 (Figured Float Glass)

1.1 Extension of the imposition of the definitive safeguard measure against the importation of Figured Glass From Various Countries for another four (4) years which will be the final extension; and

1.2 Suspension of the imposition of the measure until the DTI Secretary issued another Order either lifting the suspension or terminating the measure based on the Tariff Commission’s monitoring review to be conducted after the first quarter of 2010 to determine whether AGPH has complied with its commitment to resume production.

2. Safeguard Investigation No. 02-2006 (Clear/Tinted Float Glass)

2.1 Extension of the imposition of the definitive safeguard measure against the importation of Clear Float Glass and Tinted Float Glass From Various Countries for another four (4) years which will be the final extension.

2.2 Imposition of safeguards measure on the first year of the final extension in the amount of P3,404.64/MT for clear float glass and P4,300.59/MT for tinted float from various countries.

2.3 Subjecting imports of clear glass from Saudi Arabia to the extended definitive general safeguard measure for exceeding the three percent (3%) threshold in 2009;

2.4 Continued exclusion of imports from countries listed in Annexes A & B from the definitive general safeguard measure on float glass products; and

2.5 Requiring all importers of float glass (clear and tinted), regardless of port of exportation, to obtain a Certificate of Origin (CO) from the agency/office in the country of manufacture to be authenticated by the Philippine Embassy/Consulate thereof.

This Order shall be effective immediately and shall terminate a year after its effectivity, unless further extended by another Order by DTI.

For your information and implementation.

NAPOLEON L. MORALES
Commissioner