August 12, 2010

CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM ORDER
NO. 30-2010

SUBJECT: Creation of the Interim Customs Accreditation and Registration Unit (ICARE)

In anticipation of the proposed Organizational Structure of the Bureau of Customs under Executive Order No. 366, an Interim Customs Accreditation and Registration Unit (ICARE) under the supervision of the Deputy Commissioner, AOCG, is hereby created. For this purpose, the Customs Accreditation Secretariat (CAS) is abolished and its records, documents and all data acquired during the course of its official functions are hereby transferred to ICARE, subject to the usual turn-over.

To perform its function, ICARE is hereby empowered to perform the following:

1. Accredit importers pursuant to and in accordance with Customs Memorandum Order No. 23-2009 (Revised Rules and Regulations on Accreditation of Importers);
2. Renew accredited importers pursuant to CMO 23-2009. In addition, importers seeking renewal which have been operating for more than a year shall be required to submit the certified true copy of their Income Tax Return and VAT Returns pursuant to the directive of the Secretary of Finance in his memorandum dated August 5, 2010;
3. Cancel/revoke/suspend accreditation of importers, on its own or upon the request of the other offices, observing due process whenever applicable.

For monitoring purposes, ICARE shall submit to the Office of the Commissioner a list of approved application/s on a day-to-day basis.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall last until revoked. All orders or memoranda that are inconsistent or contrary to this order are hereby amended or revoked accordingly.

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Commissioner