



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:

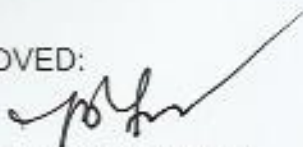
1. the suspension shall apply to containers that arrived in January 2009 onwards but not later than December 31, 2009; and
2. the suspension shall only be until December 31, 2009 unless extended further by the Department of Finance upon meritorious grounds.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

**NAPOLEON L. MORALES**  
Commissioner



APPROVED:

  
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Secretary of Finance

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