



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Finance
Bureau of Customs
1099 Manila

November 9, 2006

CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 36-2006

TO: All District Collectors
All Deputy Collectors for Operations
All Others Concerned

CMC No. 259-2006 circularized the request for temporary lifting of the imposition of Special Safeguard (SSG) duty on imported chicken and chicken products under HS Code 0207.1492 (includes 0207.1410, 0207.1420b and 0207.1490B in line with the 2004 TCCP or the Harmonized Tariff Nomenclature) pursuant to CMO 28-2004. The request aims to lift the SSG on 5,000 tons of chicken and chicken products effective only from November 15, 2006 to December 31, 2006.

Under Republic Act No. 8800, the Secretary of Agriculture is empowered to "reduce, modify, or terminate" the imposition of the Special Safeguard Duty, when "changed economic circumstances have impaired the effectiveness" of the same (Section 18a [ii], Republic Act 8800).

On the basis of the conditions as determined by the Department of Agriculture regarding the ill-effects of typhoon "Milenyo" and the expected corresponding shortage that it may cause on the supply of chicken available to the public, the action of the Secretary of Agriculture must be immediately implemented by the Bureau of Customs.

In view of the above, and in order to effectively monitor the utilization of the 5,000 metric tons of chicken and chicken products exempted from the SSG requirements, all importations described as chicken and chicken products shall

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be cleared with the Office of the Commissioner (Attention: Atty. James F. Enriquez, Chief of Staff) before shipment will be allowed continue process and eventual release thereof.

For strict compliance.

NAPOLEON L. MORALES
Commissioner

Attachment:
As Stated.

