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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE  
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS  
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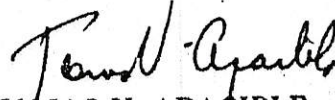
CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM ORDER  
No. 109-91

To: All District Collectors  
All Service/Division Chiefs  
All Others Concerned

In view of the Memorandum of Honorable Secretary Jesus P. Estanislao, Department of Finance, dated December 6, 1991 which excluded the importation of motor vehicles under or in reference to RP-US Military Bases Agreement of 1947 effective December 6, 1991, all pending entry papers covering said motor vehicles shall be CLEARED by this Office before release.

All memorandum/order not consistent herewith is hereby repealed/modified accordingly.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

  
TOMAS V. APACIBLE  
Commissioner

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2nd Indorsement  
October 29, 1991

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Customs, Manila, concurring in the view expressed by that Bureau contained in the preceding indorsement hereon, the pertinent portion of which is quoted hereunder:

"x x x It is our considered position taken in consultation with Ambassador Paul Rabe of the Department of Foreign Affairs that notwithstanding the expiration/non-concurrence of the Treaty, the Bureau can still process importations covering shipments under the EP-US Military Bases Agreement on a status quo basis pursuant to Diplomatic Note No. 913328 (Annex "C") dated September 16, 1991, where it states, *inter alia*:"

"The legal regime that shall govern the status of U.S. Forces in the Philippines and their use of Philippine installation shall continue to be as defined in the 1947 Philippines-United States Military Bases Agreement, as amended." (underscoring supplied)"

In view hereof, and taking into consideration DFA Note Verbale No. 913328, this Department hereby directs that all importations destined/consigned to the U.S. Military Bases in the Philippines shall continue to be governed by the provisions of the 1947 Philippines-United States Military Bases Agreement.

The Bureau of Customs shall continue to observe the same procedure and require the submission of the same documents at present being followed before release of said shipments is effected.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE  
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JESUS P. ESTANISLAO  
Secretary



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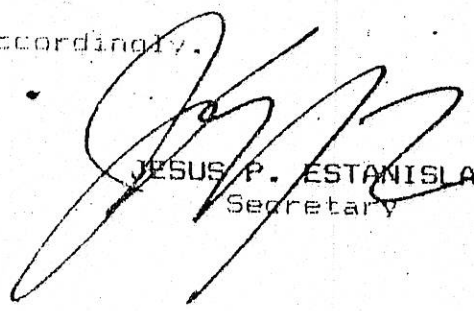
MEMORANDUM

TO : Commissioner TOMAS V. APACIBLE  
FROM : Secretary JESUS P. ESTANISLAD  
SUBJECT : Tax-free entry of household goods and personal effects under the RP-US Military Bases Agreement

We refer to our Indorsement dated October 29, 1991, copy attached, authorizing that all importation destined/consigned to the U.S Military Bases in the Philippines shall continue to be governed by the 1947 Philippine-United States Military Bases Agreement.

In this connection, it is advised that effective December 6, 1991, all importations of US Military Bases personnel shall be limited to personal and household effects including wearing apparel, personal adornment, toilet articles, etc., excluding motor vehicles provided the said household goods/personal effects shall not be in commercial quantities nor intended for barter, sale or hire.

Please be guided accordingly.

  
JESUS P. ESTANISLAD  
Secretary

December 6, 1991

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