

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS MANILA

12 February 1997

CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM ORDER

Implementing Order to Executive Order No. 397 Subject:

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 397, the Philippines shall grant a minimum 50% Margin of Preference (MOP) to specific BBC products enumerated under Annexes A and B thereof, in addition to those included under Executive Orders No. 333, 334, 335 and 336 covered by CMO No. 22-96.

The following instructions are therefore hereby issued for strict compliance of all concerned:

Objective: 1.

- To insure proper application of the Margin of Preference prescribed under the BBC Scheme for the Automotive Industry on additional automotive parts supplied by BBC Scheme participants; and,
- To insure that only articles supplied by the identified entities under the EO shall be subject to the Margin of Preference. 1.2

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Importations of automobile parts identified by the Part No. (Column 4) and brands from sources indicated in the attached Annexes A and B and covered by a Certificate of Eligibility issued by the ASEAN Secretariat.

3. Applicable Preferential Tariff

- 3.1 Articles under Annex A shall be accorded a 50% MOP, and as such, the rates appearing on Columns 12-16 shall be applied to said articles in accordance with the schedule indicated.
- 3.2 Articles under Annex B shall likewise be accorded a 50% MOP. In effect, these articles shall be subject to the rates indicated in Columns 13-18 of the Annex.
- 3.3 The 50% MOP covered by EO No. 397 shall remain in effect regardless of any changes in the basic rates of duty on the articles covered therein.
- 3.4 This CMO does not repeal CMO No. 22-96.

. Supporting Documents

- 4.1 Certificate of Eligibility Applications for the preferential tariff under the Brand-to-Brand Complementation Scheme must be supported by a Certificate of Eligibility insued by the ASEAN Committee.
- 4.2 Certificate of Origin.

5. Effectivity

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ERMO L. FARAYNO, JR.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 397

MODIFYING THE RATES OF DUTY ON CERTAIN IMPORTED ARTICLES AS PROVIDED UNDER THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF 1978, AS AMENDED, IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE MINIMUM 50% MARGIN OF PREFERENCE ON CERTAIN PRODUCTS INCLUDED IN THE BRAND-TO-BRAND COMPLEMENTATION SCHEME IN THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY UNDER THE BASIC AGREEMENT ON ASEAN INDUSTRIAL COMPLEMENTATION

WHEREAS, the Philippines is a Contracting Party to the Basic Agreement on ASEAN Industrial Complementation (BAAIC) signed in Manila on 16 June 1981;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is a signatory to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the Brand-to-Brand Complementation (BBC) Scheme for the Automotive Industry under the BAAIC signed by the ASEAN Economic Ministers in Pattaya, Thailand on 18 October 1988;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is a participating country in the approved BBC Schemes of Honda Motor Co., Ltd. and Toyota Motor Corporation along with Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand;

WHEREAS, at the ASEAN Senior Economic Officials Meeting held on 7-8 November 1995, it was agreed that under the Honda BBC Scheme, the Philippines will import from Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand certain completely-knocked-down (CKD) component parts for the original equipment manufacture (OEM) of passenger cars of the Accord 4 Door SV8, Civic 4 Door SY6 and EK 4 Door Sedan SX8 Models, in exchange for Philippine exports of complementary component parts to the three participating countries;

WHEREAS, under the Toyota BBC Scheme approved on an ad referendum basis by Indonesia on 12 December 1995, by Malaysia on 28 November 1995 and by the Philippines on 12 January 1996, the Philippines will import engine assembly from Indonesia for the original equipment manufacture of TUV commercial vehicles for the transport of passengers and goods in exchange for Philippine exports of transmission components to Indonesia;

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WHEREAS, at the Meeting of the ASEAN Senior Economic Officials (SEOM) held in Jakarta, Indonesia on 3-5 June 1996, it was agreed that under the Toyota Motor Corporation BBC Scheme, the Philippines will import inlet air cleaner from Thailand for the original equipment manufacture of Corolla passenger cars in exchange for Philippine exports of transmission assembly to Thailand;

WHEREAS, under the MOU on the BBC Scheme in the Automotive Industry, the Philippines shall grant a minimum 50% Margin of Preference (MOP) to BBC products approved by the SEOM subject to the terms and conditions set out in Section 9(b) of said MOU;

WHEREAS, under Section 9(b)(i) of the said MOU, the 50% MOP for existing BBC products shall be granted within 90 days of approval of the BBC products by the SEOM, and for new BBC products, the grant shall be extended from the actual date of commercial production of the products, or upon expiry of 30 months from the date of approval of the products whichever comes earlier;

WHEREAS, the various component parts specified in Certificates of Eligibility (COEs) Nos. HM/2/B/96, HM/5/B/96, HM/8/B/96, HM/11/B/96, HM/17/B/96 and HM/24/B/96, re-issued on 1 September 1996 in favor of Honda Motor Co., Ltd., are existing products, i.e., already being manufactured at the time of original approval by the SEOM held on 7-8 November 1995;

WHEREAS, the engine assembly, specified in Certificate of Eligibility (COE) No. TMC/6/A/95 issued on 23 January 1996 in favor of Toyota Motor Corporation, is a new BBC product whose commercial production started in February 1996;

WHEREAS, inlet air cleaner, specified in Certificate of Eligibility (COE) No. 014-1 issued on 24 June 1996 in favor of Toyota Motor Corporation, is a new BBC product whose commercial production started in July 1996;

WHEREAS, under paragraph b(ii) of Section 9 of the MOU, non-participating countries shall initially waive their rights under Chapter II, Article 8, paragraph 2, of the SEAN Preferential Trading Arrangements (PTA) for the first four years from date of granting of MOP and shall thereafter enjoy the MOP granted by participating countries as soon as they extend the same MOP;

WHEREAS, under paragraphs b(ii) and b(iv) of Section 9 of the MOU, the waiver period shall be extended beyond the first four years for as long as the non-participating countries do not wish to grant the MOP up to a maximum waiver period of eight years. After the maximum eight-year waiver period, any entity in any member country, whether the member country is participating in the specific BBC Scheme or not, which produces the BBC product shall enjoy the same MOP in the participating countries for the BBC product.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, pursuant to the powers vested in me under Section 402 of the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978, as amended, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The articles specifically listed in Annex "A" hereof, as classified under Section 104 of the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978, as amended, shall be accorded a minimum 50% MOP as specified in Column 11 thereof. In effect, said articles shall be subject to the BBC Preferential Tariff in accordance with the schedule indicated opposite each article as specified in Columns 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 of Annex "A".

- SEC. 2 The articles specifically listed in Annex "B" hereof, as classified under Section 104 of the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978, as amended, shall be accorded a minimum 50% MOP as specified in Column 12 thereof. In effect, said articles shall be subject to the BBC Preferential Tariff in accordance with the schedule indicated opposite each article as specified in Columns 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 of Annex "B".
- SEC. 3. The MOP provided in Annex "A" on block assy cylinder and bumper parts for Accord 4 Door SV8 and Civic 4 Door SY6 passenger cars and on bumper parts and various component parts for EK 4 Door SX8 passenger cars, as specified in Annex "A", shall be accorded exclusively to the BBC entity in Indonesia (P.T. Honda Prospect Engine Manufacturing), Malaysia (Honda Autoparts Manufacturing (M) Sdn. Bhd.) and Thailand (Honda Cars Manufacturing Thailand Co., Ltd.) effective from January 1, 1990 up to December 31, 1999. Thereafter, the same MOP may be granted to a non-participating ASEAN country as soon as that country extends the same MOP itself. If the non-participating country does not wish to grant such MOP and maintains such position throughout the stipulated maximum waiver period of eight (8) years, the exclusive application of the MOP to Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand shall then be extended up to December 31, 2003.

- SEC. 4. The MOP provided in Annex "B" on engine assembly for TUV (Models KF42, KF52, CF50) motor vehicles for the transport of passengers and goods under the Toyota Motor Corporation BBC Scheme shall be accorded exclusively to the BBC entity in Indonesia (P.T. Toyota-Astra Motor) effective from February 1, 1996 up to January 31, 2000. Thereafter, the same MOP may be granted to a non-participating ASEAN country as soon as that country extends the same MOP itself. If the non-participating country does wish to grant such MOP and maintains such position throughout the stipulated maximum waiver period of eight (8) years, the exclusive application of the MOP to Indonesia shall then be extended up to January 31, 2004.
- SEC. 5. The MOP provided in Annex "B" on inlet air cleaner No. 1 for Corolla (Models EE 100, EE 101, AE 101) passenger cars under the Toyota Motor Corporation BBC Scheme shall be accorded exclusively to the BBC entity in Thailand (Toyota Motor Thailand Co., Ltd.) effective from July 1, 1996 up to June 30, 2000. Thereafter, the same MOP may be granted to a non-participating ASEAN country as soon as that country extends the same MOP itself. If the non-participating country does not wish to grant such MOP and maintains such position throughout the stipulated maximum waiver period of eight (8) years, the exclusive application of the MOP to Thailand shall then be extended up to June 30, 2004.
- SEC. 6. The 50% MOP accorded under this Executive Order shall remain effective regardless of any subsequent changes in the basic Philippine rate of duty on the afore-mentioned articles.
- SEC. 7. Upon the effectivity of this Executive Order, the articles specifically listed in the aforesaid Annexes "A" and "B" which are entered or withdrawn from warehouses in the Philippines for consumption shall pay the applicable BBC Preferential Tariff specified under Sections 1 and 2 hereof, subject to qualification under the Rules of Origin as prescribed in the Agreement on ASEAN Preferential Trading Arrangements, as amended.
- SEC. 8. Any revision/s to the part numbers appearing in Column 4 of Annexes "A" and "B" shall be communicated immediately to the Bureau of Customs by the Department of Trade and Industry within five (5) days after receipt of the official copy of the revised part numbers from the ASEAN Secretariat.
 - SEC. 9. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

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DONE in the City of Manila, this 31st day of January the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Seven.

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By the President:

RUBEN D. TORRES Executive Secretary

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