

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 768, November 07, 2008 ]**

**MODIFYING THE RATES OF IMPORT DUTY OF CERTAIN ARTICLES  
UNDER THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF 1978  
(PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1464, AS AMENDED), IN ORDER TO  
IMPLEMENT THE ASEAN INTEGRATION SYSTEM OF  
PREFERENCES (AISP) PACKAGE OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**WHEREAS**, at the 4<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Informal Summit held in Singapore in November 2000, the ASEAN Heads of Government/State agreed on the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) in order to narrow the development gap between the older and newer members of ASEAN and to enhance the new members' integration with the rest of the ASEAN;

**WHEREAS**, to implement the decision of the ASEAN Heads of Government/State, the ASEAN Economic Ministers, at their meeting in Siemreap, Cambodia on 3-5 May 2001, decided to implement the ASEAN Generalized System Preferences Scheme (now AISP) on bilateral basis;

**WHEREAS**, the preference is a unilateral offer made by preference-giving countries (Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand) to the preference-receiving countries (Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Vietnam);

**WHEREAS**, on 5 August 2008, the NEDA Board approved the proposed elimination of the tariff on products listed in "Annex A" imported from Cambodia and Myanmar, under the AISP;

**WHEREAS**, Section 402 of the Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines (P.D. 1464), as amended, empowers the President of the Republic of the Philippines, upon the recommendation of the National Economic and Development Authority, to modify, decrease or remove existing protective rates of import duties for the promotion of foreign trade.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

**SECTION 1.** The Articles specifically listed in "Annex A" (Articles Granted Concession Under the AISP Package of the Philippines), hereof, as classified under Section 104 of the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978, as amended, shall be subject to the AISP rate of duty indicated in Column 5 of "Annex A" when imported from Cambodia and Myanmar (preference-receiving countries) indicated in Column 6 of "Annex A".

**SECTION 2.** From the date of effectivity of this Order, all articles listed in "Annex A" entered into or withdrawn from warehouses in the Philippines for consumption shall