[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 150, December 31, 1955]

MODIFYING THE RATES OF IMPORT DUTY PROVIDED UNDER THE PHILIPPINE TARIFF ACT OF 1909, AS AMENDED

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by Republic Act Number Nine hundred and eleven, as amended by Republic Act Number Eleven hundred and ninety-six, I, Ramon Magsaysay, President of the Philippines, do hereby direct and order:

SECTION 1. The articles specifically listed hereunder as classified under the Philippine Tariff Act of 1909, as amended, shall pay the following rates of import duty:

	Tariff Paragraph No.	Description of Article		Rate of duty
ex	1.	Marble:		
		ex (b) In slabs, sawed or chiseled, polished or not, but without ornamentation	ad val.	150%
ex	4.	Asbestos cement roofing sheets	ad val.	85%
	6.	Earths; gross weight:		
		ex (a) Portland cement	100 kilos	\$2.75
	10.	Ceramic tiles, gross weight:		
		(<i>b</i>) Glazed, whether vitrified or not, enameled, ornamented or decorated	100 kilos	\$12.00
	28.	Wrought iron and steel, gross weight:		
		ex (b) Concrete or reinforcing bars (except crucible steel), plain round, corrugated, square or flat, from 6.3 millimeters to 31.6 millimeters in diameter, not cut to measure, perforated or riveted or fastened together <i>Provided,</i> That bars or rods not exceeding fifteen millimeters in diameter and steel known as "bamboo steel," classified under clause	100 kilos ad val.	\$3.25 15%

	34.	(b) of this paragraph, shall not pay a less rate of duty than Wrought iron or steel wire:		
		ex (a) Barbed wire	ad val.	40%
		ex (<i>e</i>) Staple wire, for paper fastening (except those covered or coated with gold or silver)	ad val.	55%
ex	38.	Common wire and finishing nails, 2.54 centimeters or more in length	ad val.	50%
ex	43.	Shotguns, 12 gauge	ad val.	70%
ex	43.	Rifles, .22 caliber	ad- val.	135%
	44.	Manufactures of terneplate or tin plate:		
		ex (<i>a</i>) Crown caps, plain, painted, varnished, or japanned	ad val.	60%
		ex (a) Paper file fasteners, plain, painted, varnished, or japanned	ad val.	80%
		ex (b) Crown caps, covered, coated or combined with other metals or materials (except gold or silver)	kilo	\$0.60
			and ad val.	70%
	45.	Manufactures not otherwise provided for, in which wrought iron or steel is the component material of chief value:		
		ex (a) Air rifles, .177 caliber, plain, painted, varnished, or japanned, or covered or coated with lead, tin, or zinc	ad val.	70%
	48.	ex (b) Air rifles, .177 caliber (except those covered or coated with gold or silver) Manufactures not otherwise provided for, in which copper or alloys thereof is the component material of chief value:	ad val.	75%
		ex (a) Air rifles, .177 caliber, plain, polished, varnished,	ad val.	70%

	59.	painted, tinned, or japanned ex (b) Air rifles, .177 caliber (except those covered or coated with gold or silver) Pigments and paints not otherwise provided for:	ad val.	75%
		ex (c) Water paints, dry	ad val.	65%
		ex (<i>d</i>) Ready mixed paints, in liquid or paste ex (<i>d</i>) Enamel paints, in liquid	ad val. ad	100%
		or paste	val.	100%
ex	63.	Wax crayons	ad val.	85%
ex	63.	Pencils of paper or wood, filled with lead or other materials, pencils of lead	gross	\$0.75
			and ad val.	30%
ex	65.	Polishing, dressing, cleaning, and preserving preparations, for shoes and leather	ad val.	145%
	68.	Inorganic acid: ex (a) Hydrochloric (muriatic) and sulphuric, commercial, gross weight	100 kilos	\$3.50
ex	70.	Hydroxide of sodium (caustic soda):		
	70	(a) Commercial, gross weight	100 kilos	\$5.00
	72.	Inorganic salts: (b) Calcium hypochloride (chloride of lime)	ad val.	100%
		(c) Calcium chloride, commercial	ad val.	80%
		ex (<i>c</i>) Calcium carbide, gross weight	kilo	\$0.08
ex	75.	Chemical recharges, foam type	ad val.	55%
ex	75.	Active dry yeast	ad val.	75%
ex	75.	Chemical recharges, soda-acid type	ad val.	100%
ex	75.	Calcium hypochloride solution	ad val.	100%
ex	75.	Chlorine	kilo	\$0.121⁄2

			and ad val.	80%
ex	84.	Toilet soap	ad val.	35%
ex	87.	Cassava starch for industrial purposes, gross weight	100 kilos.	\$3.00
	90.	Matches and match sticks of all kinds, including weight of immediate containers	kilo.	\$0.72½
ex	94.	Fishing nets	ad val.	60%
ex	103.	Cotton terry towelling, subject to the provisions of Rule Six	kilo.	\$2.50
ex	104.	Towels manufactured of pile fabrics	kilo.	\$1.40
			and ad val.	60%
	105.	Knitted goods, subject to the provisions of Rule Six:		
		(a) In the piece	ad val.	65%
		ex (b) In socks	ad val.	110%
	119. 120.	 Provided, That any article classified under this paragraph, embroidered, shall be dutiable as such, with a surtax of computed upon the ascertained amount of duty under the corresponding clause thereof. Gunny sacks Textiles of hemp, flax, aloe, jute, and vegetable fibers, not otherwise provided for, plain, twilled, or damasked, weighing thirty-five kilos., or more per one hundred square meters having— 	each	30% \$0.14
		(a) Up to ten threads, used for bagging and baling, weighing forty-five kilos., or more per one hundred square meters	kilo.	\$0.10
		(b) The same, weighing from thirty-five to forty-five kilos, per one hundred square meters	kilo.	\$0.20