

[MEMORANDUM, JANUARY 16, 2002, January 16, 2002]

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE TRANSACTION OF CUSTOMS BROKERS IN THE SUBIC SPECIAL ECONOMIC AND FREEPORT ZONE

In view of the complaints brought to the attention of this Office by the Chamber of Customs Brokers, Inc. (CCBI) and the Federation of Customs Brokerage Companies of the Philippines (FCBCPHIL.), copies attached, we invite your attention to CAO 3-93, pertaining to "Rules and Regulations Governing the Transaction of Customs Brokers in the Subic Special Economic and Freeport Zone," Rule 4 (A) of which reads:

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"Renewal of license shall be issued conditioned upon the submission of the following:

A. Clearance from the Law Division and Collection Division of the Collection District concerned that the customs broker or brokerage firm has no pending financial obligation or liability to the Bureau of Customs as of the time of the application for renewal of license.

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It is hereby clarified that the "pending financial obligation or liability to the Bureau of Customs" cited in abovesited provision refers only to the respective obligations and liabilities of the customs brokers/brokerage firms concerned and do NOT include similar obligations and liabilities of their importers/clients or other parties, UNLESS the concerned broker/ brokerage firm has been determined by a competent authority to be SOLIDARILY liable with their clients, importers or such other parties.

Please be guided accordingly.

Adopted: 16 Jan. 2002

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Commissioner