

[OP EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 79, April 02, 1993]

MODIFYING THE RATES OF IMPORT 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 OF ASEAN INDUSTRIAL COMPLEMENTATION

WHEREAS, the Philippines is a Contracting Party to the Revised 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 on the Brand-to-Brand Complementation (BBC) Scheme in the Automotive Industry under the BAAIC signed by the ASEAN Economic Ministers in Pattaya, Thailand on 18 October 1988;

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

WHEREAS, at the Special Meeting of the Committee on Industry, Minerals and Energy (COIME) held in Jakarta, Indonesia on 24-25 October 1990, it was agreed that under the MITSUBISHI Motor Corporation BBC Scheme, the Philippines will import parts of manual transmission and final drive system and stamping body parts from Thailand in exchange for the country's exports of parts of manual transmission and final drive system to the said ASEAN country; that under the NISSAN Motor Co., Ltd. BBC Scheme, Philippines will import body metal parts and oil pan assembly from Malaysia and body metal parts from Thailand in exchange for the country's exports of body metal and injection parts to the said two countries; and that under the Toyota Motor Corp. BBC Scheme, the Philippines will import fuel tank, suspension system, steering link assembly, convenient and accessory equipment, and electrical parts from Malaysia and under body and electrical parts from exports of manual transmission to the said two countries;

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

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: