[BOC CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 8-2004, March 22, 2004]

SHIPMENTS SUBJECT TO MANDATORY MAGNA SCALE WEIGHING PRIOR TO RELEASE FROM CUSTOMS CUSTODY

1. OBJECTIVES

- 1.1 To provide mechanism for determining which shipment shall be subject to mandatory magna scale weighing prior to release from Customs custody.
- 1.2 To ensure the collection of proper duties and taxes on subject shipments.

2. SCOPE

This Order shall cover the kinds of vegetables, fruits and nuts listed on Annex "A"* hereof, which also sets their "Net Weight Range" per specific container size.

3. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 3.1 All shipments of vegetables, fruits and nuts listed in Annex "A" hereof, whose declared weight is less than their corresponding Net Weight Range, as indicated under Column 2 thereof, shall, prior to release from Customs Custody, be subject to mandatory weighing by magna scale or by such other device/method that can determine the true weight of the importation.
- 3.2 After subject shipments have been weighed in, the taxes and duties thereon shall be re-computed on the basis of weighing report and the magna scale weighing ticket.
- 3.3 Any action that may be warranted under the law, other than additional payment of taxes/duties, i.e., shall be referred to the District Collector for appropriate action.

4. OPERATIONAL PROVISIONS

4.1 The Chief, Section 1 (Formal Entry Division) shall verify whether a shipment is subject to mandatory magna scale weighing as prescribed by this Order and ensure that subject shipment is properly weighed on the