[BOC CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 12-2004, April 27, 2004]

MODIFICATION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS ON THE AMENDMENT OF INWARD FOREIGN MANIFEST

Pursuant to Section 608 of the Tariff and Customs Code, the current rules and regulations concerning the amendment of Inward Foreign Manifest for all cargoes carried into a port by a vessel coming from a foreign port, are hereby modified accordingly, as follows:

I. OBJECTIVES

1.1 To make available to the different offices of the Bureau the most accurate data and information concerning a vessel and its cargo;

1.2 To simplify and clarify the procedure in the amendment of the Inward Foreign Manifest.

1.3 To further facilitate trade and at the same time provide adequate security to government revenue.

II. OPERATIONAL PROVISIONS

2.1 Request for amendment in accordance with the second paragraph of Section 1005 of the TCCP, of the original Inward Foreign Manifest (IFM) involving the change in the following: consignee; nature; description; quantity; volume; weight and/or measurement of goods; and country of exportation must be made under oath and thus subject to the penalties of falsification or perjury should the amendments/requested are later proven to be false and incorrect. Further, such request/s must be accompanied by a written justification indicating the reason/s for the change/s being asked.

2.2 After submission of the requirement pursuant to Section 1004 of the TCCP, no amendment shall be allowed unless under oath identifying therein the subject to be amended and the reasons thereat together with the following certifications:

2.2.1 Certification from the Chief, Entry Processing Division concerned that the shipment is not overstaying/abandoned.