

**[ BOC CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 33-97,  
October 17, 1997 ]**

**RULES AND REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING EXECUTIVE ORDER  
NO. 444, ON THE RATIONALIZATION OF DUTY FREE  
STORES/OUTLET AND THEIR OPERATIONS**

By authority of Section 608 of the TCCP as amended, and for the proper and effective implementation of Executive Order No. 444, the following rules and regulations are hereby promulgated.

**I**

**OBJECTIVE:**

To effectively enforce observance of the provisions of Executive Order No. 444.

**II**

**OPERATIONAL PROVISIONS**

**A. Prohibition on certain Commodities/Products**

The following commodities/products shall not be allowed duty/tax free importation into and sale at duty free shops/trading warehouse at the freeports/special economic zones:

- a. rice
- b. sugar
- c. corn and cornstarch
- d. flour
- e. coffee beans
- f. garlic

**B. Prohibition on Pull-outs**

1. Duty tax free goods imported by duty free shops/trading warehouse operators/locators shall only be sold at authorized duty free shops within the freeports/special economic zones or at international ports of entry.

2. Pull-out/bring-out of duty free goods for transfer to the Customs territory under Consumption entry, by duty free shop/trading warehouse operators is prohibited.

3. Payment of duties and taxes shall not be reason nor justification in allowing the transfer of duty free goods to the Customs territory.