

July 17, 1953

**EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT
AMENDING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES AND
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IMPLEMENTING THE
AGREEMENT OF 14 MARCH 1947 CONCERNING MILITARY BASES**

Note: The Agreement entered into force, June 17, 1953.

Reference: This Agreement is also published in 213 UNTS, p. 370.

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**THE PHILIPPINE ACTING SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO THE
AMERICAN AMBASSADOR**

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Manila, May 29, 1953

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to the exchange of notes between the Embassy and this Department on December 29, 1952 which constituted an agreement between, our two Governments for the implementation of Article V of the Military Bases Agreement and to Your Excellency's more recent note on the subject (No. 1155) concerning the difficulty which continue to be experienced by authorized contractors and importers of the United States Government in placing their orders for imported materials urgently required in construction projects being undertaken in the military bases.

As was pointed out by the representative of this Department during the last conference held in this matter with the representatives of the Embassy, the 13th Air Force and the United States Navy the delay in the speedy placement of these import orders has quite unexpectedly arisen from the inability of the Exchange

Control Department of the Central Bank, in the absence of specific authorization from the Monetary Board, to make the necessary dollar exchange available for this purpose. After due consultations between this Department and the Central Bank the requisite authorization was finally granted by the Monetary Board on April 30, 1953. However, the Board has laid down the following procedure by which authorized contractors and/or importers of United States military agencies may be provided with their foreign exchange requirements:

A. Contractors desiring to import supplies and materials destined for use in U.S. military bases which are exempt from import licensing formalities and fee shall apply directly with the Exchange Control Department of the Central Bank for foreign exchange to pay for imports on E.C. Form No. 103. The application shall be accompanied by the following:

1. A certificate by the contracting officer of the U.S. military agency concerned containing the following information: