

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 192, March 31, 2003]

MODIFYING THE RATES OF DUTY ON CERTAIN IMPORTED ARTICLES AS PROVIDED UNDER THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF 1978, AS AMENDED, IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE PREFERENTIAL TARIFF RATES ON CERTAIN PRODUCTS UNDER THE ASEAN INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION (AICO) SCHEME, IN FAVOR OF HONDA CARS PHILIPPINES, INC. (HONDA)-(COE NO. HONDA /2002/26)

WHEREAS, the Philippines is a Contracting Party to the Basic Agreement on the ASEAN Industrial Cooperation Scheme (AICO) signed in Singapore on 27 April 1996;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is a participating country in the approved AICO Arrangement of Honda Cars Philippines, along with Malaysia;

WHEREAS, under the Honda AICO arrangement, the Philippines (Honda Car Philippines, Inc.) will import from Malaysia (Honda Malaysia Sdn Bhd.) certain original equipment manufacture (OEM) automotive parts/components for Honda CR-V light commercial vehicles (HS 8702.90.10). In exchange, Malaysia will import from the Philippines complementary parts/components for the OEM of Honda City and Civic;

WHEREAS, AICO Certificate of Eligibility (COE) No. Honda/2002/26 was issued on 19 December 2002, in favor of the participating companies in the Honda AICO Arrangement;

WHEREAS, in consonance with Article 5 and 7 of the Basic Agreement of the AICO Scheme, participating companies in the approved Honda AICO Arrangement shall qualify for 0- 5% preferential tariff rates to be extended by Malaysia and the Philippines as participating countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, 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:

SECTION 1. The articles specifically listed in **Annex "A"** hereof, as classified under Section 104 of the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978, as amended, shall be accorded the AICO rate of 3% on parts/components of HONDA CR-V, light commercial vehicle (HS 8702.90 10) as specified in Column 6 thereof.

SEC. 2. The AICO rate provided in **Annex "A"** shall be accorded to the AICO entity in Malaysia (Honda Malaysia Sdn. Bhd.) upon the effectivity of this Executive Order.

SEC. 3. In the event that any subsequent changes are made in the basic (Most Favored Nation) Philippine rate of duty on any of the articles listed in **Annex "A"** to