

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 644, January 26, 1981]

MODIFYING THE RATES OF IMPORT DUTY ON CERTAIN IMPORTED ARTICLES AS PROVIDED UNDER PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1464, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF 1978, AS AMENDED, IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE MARGINS OF TARIFF PREFERENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ASEAN AGREEMENT ON PREFERENTIAL TRADING ARRANGEMENTS WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ARTICLES NEGOTIATED DURING THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE TRADE PREFERENCE NEGOTIATING GROUP AND THE ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE ASEAN COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND TOURISM

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by Section 402 of Presidential Decree No. 1464, as amended, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby direct and order:

SECTION 1. The articles specifically listed in Annex "A" hereof as classified under Section 104 of Presidential Decree No. 1464, as amended, shall be accorded the margins of tariff preference as specified in column 8 of said Annex "A". In effect, such articles shall be subject to the Preferential Tariff for ASEAN in accordance with the schedule indicated opposite each article as specified in Columns 9-13 of said Annex "A".

SEC. 2. In the event that any subsequent changes are made in the basic Philippine rate of duty on any of the above-mentioned articles, such articles shall automatically be accorded the corresponding margins of preference indicated in column 8 of Annex "A" hereof.

SEC. 3. After the effective date of this Order, all the above-described articles entered or withdrawn from warehouse in the Philippines for consumption shall be subject to the rate of import duty herein prescribed subject to qualification under the Rules of Origin as prescribed in the Agreement on ASEAN Preferential Trading Arrangements ratified on August 1, 1977.

SEC. 4. This Order shall take effect as of 24 January, 1981.

Done in the City of Manila, this 26th day of January in the Year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(SGD.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President: