[DTI DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 11-02, May 06, 2011]

WAIVER AND REDUCTION OF CERTAIN PENALTIES FOR UNACCREDITED NON-VESSEL OPERATING COMMON CARRIERS (NVOCCS), INTERNATIONAL FREIGHT FORWARDERS (IFFS) AND DOMESTIC FREIGHT FORWARDERS (DFFS) AND THOSE WITH EXPIRED ACCREDITATION

WHEREAS, Section 4 (c) of Executive Order (EO) 133 vests on the Secretary of Trade and Industry (DTI) the authority to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to carry out Department objectives, policies, plans, programs and projects;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Shippers' Bureau (PSB), under Section 3 (h) of E.O. 514 and Section 3 (5) of its implementing Rules and Regulations and Section 41 of PSB A.O. No. 6, series of 2005, is mandated to undertake the registration/accreditation of all Non-Vessel Operating Common Carriers (NVOCCs), International Freight Forwarders (IFFs) and Domestic Freight Forwarders (DFFs); adopt appropriate measures, rules and regulations; and collect fees, charges and impose penalties in the efficient and effective implementation of its accreditation scheme;

WHEREAS, the aforementioned entities are required to secure accreditation/registration before they can operate/engage in business as such;

WHEREAS, a substantial number of companies are operating/engaging in busines as NVOCCs, IFFs and DFFs without the required PSB accreditation;

WHEREAS, a number of freight forwarding companies accredited by PSB had failed to renew their accreditation which had expired;

NOW, THEREFORE, in order to give ample opportunity for unaccredited freight forwarding companies to comply with all the requirements for accreditation, PSB is hereby granting waiver and/or reduction of certain penalties and surcharges under the following terms and conditions:

- 1. Covered Firms: Freight forwarding entities that are qualified to avail as follows:
 - 1.1 Those freight, forwarding companies that have not applied for accreditation or unaccredited firms;
 - 1.2 Those firms whose accreditation had expired and failed to renew their application on or before the actual date of publication of the herein Order.