

[BIS INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE ON USED TRUCKS AND ENGINES, February 20, 2001]

REMINDERS TO IMPORTERS RE: IMPORTATION POLICIES COVERING USED TRUCKS AND USED BUSES

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 782 dated 13 March 1982, as amended by Executive Order No. 354 dated 29 March 1989 and Executive Order No. 361 dated 22 June 1989, the IAC-UTE hereby reiterate the following rules and regulations governing the importation of any used trucks/buses, whether liberalized or regulated (as classified per Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas' [BSPs] Circular No. 92, series of 1995 dated 19 October 1995 (Annex A):

1. BAN ON RIGHT HAND DRIVEN (RHD) TRUCKS

1.1 All importations of used trucks must comply with the existing government policies that ban the entry of Right Hand Drive (RHD) units (except for very special vehicles that are off-the road type)

1.2 Any RHD unit that reaches any of the Philippine ports shall be subjected to the imposition of penalties, which could take the form of payment of fines and even seizure for some cases, in accordance with the IAC-UTE set penalties. (Annex B)

1.3 The types of vehicles which could be allowed entry into the country, even if these are RHDs, are those which are classified by the BSP and concurred with by the LTO, to be off-the-road type, heavy duty and slow moving vehicles, and those specifically manufactured for concessions, like, mining/logging/etc.

2. COMPLIANCE TO ROAD WORTHINESS AND EMISSION STANDARDS

2.1 All importations of used trucks, special purpose vehicles and buses must comply with the government's requirement on road worthiness, including compliance to emission standards. As a proof of meeting this requirement, imported units must be supported by Certificates of Road Worthiness and Compliance to Emission Standards issued by duly authorized Inspection Centers in the country of origin.

2.2 Subject Certificates shall be presented to the SGS examiner/inspector at the country of origin which shall be used as one of the bases for the issuance of the Clean Report of Findings (CRF). This means that no CRF should be issued by the SGS for any importation of used motor vehicle, if the same is right hand drive (except in the case of special types of vehicles) and/or the required Certificates are not allowed.

2.3 Any imported used motor vehicle that reaches any of the Philippine ports and found to be lacking of the required Certificates shall likewise be subjected to