

**[ BOC MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 103-2000,  
February 29, 2000 ]**

**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**

Attached is the letter dated February 23, 2000 of Director Aurora T. Aquino Office of the President endorsing a certified copy of Executive Order No. 198 dated January 15, 2000 entitled; "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."

For your information and guidance.

Adopted: 29 Feb. 2000

(SGD.) RENATO A. AMPIL  
*Acting Commissioner*

**Attachment**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 198**

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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**

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

WHEREAS, the AICO Scheme seeks to improve the competitive position of ASEAN companies in the global and ASEAN markets by providing the means to apply the principles of economies of scale and scope in the manufacturing process, supported by preferential import duties to enhance across ASEAN border transactions;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is a participating country in the approved AICO Schemes of Honda Cars Phils. Inc. (HCPI) and Toyota Motor Philippines, Corp. (TMPC) along with Indonesia and Malaysia;

WHEREAS, under the Honda AICO Arrangement, it was agreed that the Philippines (Honda Cars Phils., Inc.) will import various component parts from Indonesia (P.T. Honda Prospect Motor) and Malaysia (Honda Autoparts Manufacturing (M) Sdn.