

# **[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 174, November 03, 1999 ]**

## **FURTHER AMENDING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER (AO) NO. 266 DATED 07 FEBRUARY 1992, AS AMENDED BY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 138 DATED 19 JULY 1994, CREATING THE ONE-STOP SHOP INTER-AGENCY TAX CREDIT AND DUTY DRAWBACK CENTER (CENTER)**

WHEREAS, the One-Stop Shop Inter-Agency Tax Credit and Duty Drawback Center (CENTER) was created to achieve an expeditious and orderly processing of tax credit and duty drawback being granted to qualified exporters;

WHEREAS, Administrative Order No. 266 authorizes the CENTER to collect appropriate fees from the processing of tax credit and duty drawback applications and to use the income derived therefrom to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the CENTER;

WHEREAS, the CENTER needs some flexibility in the use of appropriate fees collected as authorized in AO 266 to be able to respond appropriately to its mandate and to other pressing challenges;

WHEREAS, establishing a CENTER Trust Fund is necessary to carry out the mandate of AO 266;

WHEREAS, the CENTER Trust Fund can be sourced from the collections made since the creation of the CENTER in 1992 pursuant to AO 266;

WHEREAS, under SEC. 45 of Book VI of EO 292, a Permanent Committee was constituted to be composed of the Secretary of Finance as Chairman, and the Secretary of Budget and the Chairman, Commission on Audit, as members;

WHEREAS, there are ongoing investigations of the alleged tax credit scam in the CENTER which require the full support and assistance of the various agencies of government;

WHEREAS, the CENTER is embarking on special programs and projects to recover tax credits obtained through fraud, to investigate said fraudulent claims with the end view of prosecution of those involved, and to attract and maintain highly competent personnel to carry out the foregoing tasks;

WHEREAS, the CENTER is establishing control measures to safeguard the processing and issuance of tax credits by setting up verification unit, computerization, institutionalizing annual plant visits and post audits as mandated by AO 226;

WHEREAS, in pursuit of these special programs and projects, the CENTER under Executive Order No. 156, dated October 7, 1999 was made a part of a special task