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GUIDELINES IMPLEMENTING THE MODIFICATION OF IMPORT DUTY RATES ON CRUDE OIL AND REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AS PROVIDED UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 691

Pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order (E.O.) No. 691 issued by the President of the Philippines on 10 January 2008, the Department of Energy (DOE), in coordination with the Department of Finance (DOF), Bureau of Customs (BOC), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), and the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), hereby adopted the following guidelines to implement the reduction of tariff rates on imported crude oil and refined petroleum based on certain trigger prices indexed to international oil prices in the world market.

1. Title

These guidelines shall be known as the "Implementing Guidelines for the Modification of Import Duty Rates on Crude Oil and Refined Petroleum Products under Executive Order No. 691" and shall hereafter be referred to as the "Guidelines".

2. Scope and Coverage

These Guidelines shall apply to ail articles listed in Annex A of E.O No. 691.

3. Determination of the Trigger Price

The Most Favored Nation (MFN) rates on crude and refined petroleum products shall be accordingly reduced if the following minimum price triggers, in GIF, for both Dubai crude and diesel are reached, based on the average Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS) for the first fifteen (15) days of the month.

MFN Rate of Duty %	Trigger Price - Average half month (\$/barrel)	
	Dubai crude	Diesel (0.05% S)
2	86.50	100.00
1	91.70	113.00
0	103.50	117.00

4. Trigger Period

The trigger period, where the average price of oil shall be determined for purposes of the trigger prices, shall be the first fifteen (15) days of the month.

5. Notification Process