

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 197, April 16, 2003]

MODIFYING THE NOMENCLATURE AND THE RATES OF IMPORT DUTY ON VARIOUS PRODUCTS UNDER SECTION 104 OF THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF 1978 (PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1464, AS AMENDED)

WHEREAS, the vegetable industry needs tariff support as it prepares to gear up for competition vis-a-vis imports;

WHEREAS, Section 401 of the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978, as amended, empowers the President to increase, reduce or remove existing rates of duty, as well as to modify the tariff nomenclature.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The articles specifically listed in "Annex A" hereof, as classified under Section 104 of the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978, as amended, shall be subject to the rates of import duty in accordance with the schedule indicated opposite each article.

SEC. 2. The nomenclature and the rates of import duty on tariff headings not enumerated and those listed but represented by the symbol "X X X" shall remain in force and effect.

SEC. 3. Upon the effectivity of this Executive Order, the articles specifically listed in the aforesaid "Annex" which are entered or withdrawn from warehouses in the Philippines for consumption shall be levied the rates of duty herein prescribed.

SEC. 4. All other Presidential issuances, administrative rules and regulations, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby revoked or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Executive Order shall be effective for a period of six months (6) months which shall commence immediately following its complete publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

Done in the City of Manila, this 16th day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

(Sgd.) GLORIA M. ARROYO

By the President:

(Sgd.) ALBERTO G. ROMULO

Annex "A"

HDG. NO.	H.S. CODE	DESCRIPTION	RATE OF DUTY(%)
07.03		Onions, shallots, garlic, leeks and other alliaceous vegetables, fresh or chilled.	
	3703.10 00	- XXX	
	0703.20 00	- XXX	
	0703.90 00	- Leeks and other alliaceous vegetables	20
07.04		Cabbages, cauliflowers, kohlrabi, kale and similar edible brassicas, fresh or chilled.	
	0704.10 00	- Cauliflowers and headed broccoli	25
	0704.20 00	-XXX	
	to		
	0704.90 90	---XXX	
07.05		Lettuce (<i>Lactuca sativa</i>) and chicory (<i>Cichorium</i> spp.), fresh or chilled.	
		- Lettuce:	
	0705.11 00	- - Cabbage lettuce (head lettuce)	25
	0705.19 00	- - Other	25
		- Chicory:	
	0705.21 00	- - Witloof chicory { <i>Cichorium intybus</i> var. <i>foliosum</i>)	20
	0705.29 00	--Other	20
07.06		Carrots, turnips, salad beetroot, salsify, celeriac, radishes and similar edible roots, fresh or chilled.	