[BOC CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 9-99, April 22, 1999]

GUIDELINES TO STRENGTHEN THE ALERT SYSTEM

I. OBJECTIVES:

- 1. To ensure the collection of the correct revenue due the government by strengthening the campaign against technical smuggling and at the same time, to ensure an environment that will foster a fair and level playing field to promote business growth.
- 2. To further strengthen the cooperation between the Bureau of Customs and Industry pursuant to the Bureau of Customs Industry Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed 07 March 1997 and the Joint PCCI-FPI Memorandum of November 13, 1998.

II. COVERAGE:

This Order shall apply to all imported article entered in the Bureau of Customs specially on importations of articles specified in the LIST which is incorporated hereto and made an integral part hereof by reference as Annex "A"*.

III. DEFINITION OF TERMS:

- 1. "Industry Commodity Expert" (ICE) is a person duly accredited as such by PCCI. An Industry Commodity Expert may also be specially accredited for a particular importation only which is not included in Annex "A".
- 2. "Alert" an alert issued pursuant to CMO 92-91, as amended.
- 3. "Industry" shall refer to member firms and associations belonging to the Federation of Philippine Industry (FPI) and the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI).
- 4. "Industry Screening Committee" The Committee chaired by the PCCI Vice President for Industry tasked to update the List of Industry Commodity Experts and List of Sensitive Articles for submission to the BOC.
- 5. ICE Secretariat functions as Liaison on Joint PCCI-BOC monitoring activities and chaired by the PCCI Vice President and is situated at the office of PCCI.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS: