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INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

KNOW YE, that whereas, the Agreement on Trade in Goods under the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Republic of India was signed on 13 August 2009 in Bangkok, Thailand;

WHEREAS, the ASEAN-India Agreement on Trade in Goods, consisting of twenty-four (24) Articles, covers the modality and agreed provisions for goods liberalization specifying the Parties' tariff reduction scheme/schedule;

WHEREAS, Annex 2 and its Appendices contain the Rules of Origin and the Operational Customs Procedures for the implementation of the ASEAN-India Free Trade Area;

WHEREAS, Article 23, paragraph 2 thereof provides that where a Party is unable to complete its internal requirements for the entry into force of the Agreement by 1 January 2010, the Agreement shall enter into force for that Party on 1 June 2010 or upon the date by which that Party notifies the completion of its internal requirements, whichever is earlier;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the aforementioned Agreement on Trade in Goods under the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Republic of India, do hereby ratify and confirm the same and each and every section and clause thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

GIVEN under my hand at the City of Manila, this 27th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten.

BY THE PRESIDENT:

ALBERTO G. ROMULO
Secretary of Foreign Affairs

[Seal]
The Department of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of India and has the honor to refer to the Agreement on Trade in Goods under the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Republic of India, which was signed on 13 August 2009.

The Department is pleased to inform the Embassy that the Philippines has completed its internal requirements for the entry into force of the Agreement. Further, Executive Order No. 25, which will allow the Philippines to implement its negotiated commitments for all Parties, has been signed by the President and will take effect on 17 May 2011, fifteen (15) days after its publication. The said Executive Order was published on 2 May 2011.

The Department of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the Republic of India the assurances of its highest consideration.

Pasay City, May 2011
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 25

MODIFYING THE RATES OF DUTY ON CERTAIN IMPORTED ARTICLES AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER THE TARIF OF IMPORTATION AND DOMESTIC CODE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1400, AS AMENDED, IN ORDER TO WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE AGREEMENT ON COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH-EAST ASIAN NATIONS (ASEAN) AND THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

WHEREAS, the Framework Agreement Establishing a Comprehensive Economic Cooperation between the ASEAN and the Republic of India (Framework Agreement) was signed on 18 November 2002 by the representatives of the Government of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the Republic of India, ratification of which was signed in New Delhi, India, on 22 November 2002;

WHEREAS, in pursuance of the Agreement on Trade in Goods between the two countries, the Agreement on Trade in Goods has been signed in 1989 in New Delhi, India;

WHEREAS, on 27 April 2003, the President of the Philippines signed the Agreement on Trade in Goods;

WHEREAS, Article 12 of the Agreement on Trade in Goods provides that each Party shall have the right to exempt up to 20 percent of the goods for which it is subject to import duties, provided such goods are not subject to any import duties imposed by the other Party;

WHEREAS, Section 11 of the Tariff and Customs Code of 1972, as amended, provides for the purpose of the Philippines, under the incentive measures of the National Economic and Development Authority, to reduce import duties for specific goods;

NOW, THEREFORE, in order to implement and implement the above provision, in virtue of the power vested in me by law, hereby order as follows:

SECTION 1. The rates of duty on the list of goods for which the President of the Philippines has the right to exempt pursuant to the Agreement on Trade in Goods, as provided for in the Tariff and Customs Code of 1972, as amended, are hereby reduced by the rates provided for in the Agreement on Trade in Goods.

SECTION 2. The rates of duty on the list of goods for which the President of the Philippines has the right to exempt pursuant to the Agreement on Trade in Goods, as provided for in the Tariff and Customs Code of 1972, as amended, are hereby reduced by the rates provided for in the Agreement on Trade in Goods, subject to the limitations set forth in the Agreement on Trade in Goods.

Signed in the City of Manila on the 27th day of April in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Three.

By authority of the President,

[Signature]

Secretary of Finance


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