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RESIDENCE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 150

MODIFYING THE RATES OF IMPORT DUTY PROVIDED UNDER THE PHILIPPINE TARIFF ACT OF 1909, AS AMENDED

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by Republic Act Number Nine hundred and eleven, as amended by Republic Act Number Eleven hundred and ninety-six, I, Ramon Magsaysay, President of the Philippines, do hereby direct and order:

SECTION 1. The articles specifically listed hereunder as classified under the Philippine Tariff Act of 1909, as amended, shall pay the following rates of import duty:

Tariff Paragraph No.	Description of Article	Rate of duty
ex 1.	Marble:	
	ex (b) In slabs, sawed or chiseled, polished or not, but without ornamentation	ad val. 150%
ex 4.	Asbestos cement roofing sheets	ad val. 85%
6.	Earths, gross weight:	
	ex (a) Portland cement	100 kilos \$2.75
10.	Ceramic tiles, gross weight:	
	(b) Glazed, whether vitrified or not, enameled, ornamented or decorated	100 kilos \$12.00
28.	Wrought iron and steel, gross weight:	
	ex (b) Concrete or reinforcing bars (except crucible steel), plain round, corrugated, square or flat, from 6.3 millimeters to 31.6 millimeters in diameter, not cut to measure, perforated or riveted or fastened together	100 kilos \$3.25
	<i>Provided, That bars or rods not exceeding fifteen millimeters in diameter and steel known as "bamboo steel," classified under clause (b) of this paragraph, shall not pay a less rate of duty than</i>	ad val. 15%
34.	Wrought iron or steel wire:	
	ex (a) Barbed wire	ad val. 40%
	ex (e) Staple wire, for paper fastening (except those covered or coated with gold or silver)	ad val. 55%
ex 38.	Common wire and finishing nails, 2.54 centimeters or more in length	ad val. 50%

ex 43.	Shotguns, 12 gauge	ad val.	70%
ex 43.	Rifles, .22 caliber	ad-val.	135%
44.	Manufactures of terneplate or tin plate:		
	ex (a) Crown caps, plain, painted, varnished, or japanned	ad val.	60%
	ex (a) Paper file fasteners, plain, painted, varnished, or japanned	ad val.	80%
	ex (b) Crown caps, covered, coated or combined with other metals or materials (except gold or silver)	kilo	\$0.60
		and ad val.	70%
45.	Manufactures not otherwise provided for, in which wrought iron or steel is the component material of chief value:		
	ex (a) Air rifles, .177 caliber, plain, painted, varnished, or japanned, or covered or coated with lead, tin, or zinc	ad val.	70%
	ex (b) Air rifles, .177 caliber (except those covered or coated with gold or silver)	ad val.	75%
48.	Manufactures not otherwise provided for, in which copper or alloys thereof is the component material of chief value:		
	ex (a) Air rifles, .177 caliber, plain, polished, varnished, painted, tinned, or japanned	ad val.	70%
	ex (b) Air rifles, .177 caliber (except those covered or coated with gold or silver)	ad val.	75%
59.	Pigments and paints not otherwise provided for:		
	ex (c) Water paints, dry	ad val.	65%
	ex (d) Ready mixed paints, in liquid or paste	ad val.	100%
	ex (d) Enamel paints, in liquid or paste....	ad val.	100%
ex 63.	Wax crayons	ad val.	85%
ex 63.	Pencils of paper or wood, filled with lead or other materials, pencils of lead	gross	\$0.75
		and ad val.	30%
ex 65.	Polishing, dressing, cleaning, and preserving preparations, for shoes and leather	ad val.	145%
68.	Inorganic acid:		
	ex (a) Hydrochloric (muriatic) and sulphuric, commercial, gross weight	100 kilos	\$3.50
ex 70.	Hydroxide of sodium (caustic soda):		
	(a) Commercial, gross weight	100 kilos	\$5.00
72.	Inorganic salts:		
	(b) Calcium hypochloride (chloride of lime)	ad val.	100%
	(c) Calcium chloride, commercial	ad val.	80%
	ex (c) Calcium carbide, gross weight	kilo	\$0.08
ex 75.	Chemical recharges, foam type	ad val.	55%
ex 75.	Active dry yeast	ad val.	75%
ex 75.	Chemical recharges, soda-acid type	ad val.	100%
ex 75.	Calcium hypochloride solution	ad val.	100%
ex 75.	Chlorine	kilo	\$0.12½
		and ad val.	80%

ex 84. Toilet soap	ad val.	35%
ex 87. Cassava starch for industrial purposes, gross weight	100 kilos.	\$3.00
90. Matches and match sticks of all kinds, including weight of immediate containers	kilo.	\$0.72½
ex 94. Fishing nets	ad val.	60%
ex 103. Cotton terry towelling, subject to the provisions of Rule Six	kilo.	\$2.50
ex 104. Towels manufactured of pile fabrics	kilo.	\$1.40
	and ad val.	60%
105. Knitted goods, subject to the provisions of Rule Six:		
(a) In the piece	ad val.	65%
ex (b) In socks	ad val.	110%
<i>Provided</i> , That any article classified under this paragraph, embroidered, shall be dutiable as such, with a surtax of		30%
computed upon the ascertained amount of duty under the corresponding clause thereof.		
119. Gunny sacks	each	\$0.14
120. Textiles of hemp, flax, aloe, jute, and vegetable fibers, not otherwise provided for, plain, twilled, or damasked, weighing thirty-five kilos., or more per one hundred square meters having—		
(a) Up to ten threads, used for bagging and baling, weighing forty-five kilos., or more per one hundred square meters	kilo.	\$0.10
(b) The same, weighing from thirty-five to forty-five kilos, per one hundred square meters	kilo.	\$0.20
<i>Provided</i> , That any textile classified under this paragraph, bleached, half bleached, stamped, or printed, shall be dutiable as such, with a surtax of		15%
<i>Provided, further</i> , That any textile classified under this paragraph, manufactured with dyed yarns, shall be dutiable as such, with a surtax of		25%
121. The same, weighing from twenty to thirty-five kilos., per one hundred square meters, having—		
(a) Up to ten threads, used for bagging and baling	kilo	\$0.20
<i>Provided</i> , That any textile classified under this paragraph, bleached, half bleached, stamped, or printed, shall be dutiable as such, with a surtax of		25%
<i>Provided, further</i> , That any textile classified under this paragraph, manufactured with dyed yarns, shall be dutiable as such, with a surtax of		40%
146. Textiles and manufactures of rayon and other synthetic textiles:		
ex (b) Socks, wholly or in chief value of rayon and other synthetic textiles	ad val.	110%
<i>Provided</i> , That textiles containing threads of rayon or other synthetic textiles, in which the number of such		

threads, counted in the warp and weft, exceeds one-fifth of the total number of threads composing the textiles, shall be dutiable under this paragraph, any provision of the Philippine Tariff Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

148. Paper, pasteboard, cardboard, bristol board, strawboard and pulpboard, white or colored, not otherwise provided for:

ex (a) Writing paper, bond paper and tablet paper, plain, ruled, or padded, but not printed	ad val.	40%
ex (a) Chipboard, boxboard and pasteboard, plain, ruled, or padded, but not printed	kilo.	\$0.09
	and ad val.	75%
ex (a) Kraftboard, plain, ruled, or padded, but not printed	kilo.	\$0.09
	and ad val.	75%
ex (a) Wallboard, plain, ruled, or padded, but not printed	sq. m.	\$0.22½
	and ad val.	75%

167. Straw for manufacturing purposes, rushes, vegetable hair, genista, osiers, bamboo, broomcorn, rattan, reeds, piths, not otherwise provided for:

(d) Rattan, split or stripped, bleached or not	kilo.	\$0.22½
	and ad val.	100%

ex 182. Pianos	ad val.	250%
ex 183. Phonographs records	each	\$0.50
	and ad val.	80%
ex 185. Stencil sheets valued at \$0.90 or less per 24 sheets	24 sheets	\$0.40
	and ad val.	60%
ex 185. Stencil sheets valued at more than \$0.90 per 24 sheets	ad val.	30%
ex 185. Typewriter ribbons ready for use	spool	\$0.15
	and ad val.	75%

190. Electric and electrotechnical machinery, apparatus, and appliances:

ex (a) Storage batteries	each	\$9.62½
	and ad val.	75%
ex (a) Battery plates	ad val.	100%
ex (a) Incandescent bulbs, from ten watts to three hundred watts with voltage ranging from six volts to three hundred volts	ad val.	150%
ex (a) Fluorescent lamps, straight type, from fourteen watts to forty watts....	ad val.	150%
ex (b) Air conditioners	ad val.	70%
ex (b) Refrigerators	ad val.	130%

191. Engines, tenders, motors, steam boilers, pumps, and machinery; diving suits; common tools, implements and apparatus; detached parts therefor; not otherwise provided for; shafting and gearing:

ex (a) Shovels of iron, steel or wood	ad val.	35%
ex (a) Fire extinguishers, foam type and soda-acid type, of iron, steel or wood....	ad val.	80%

ex (b) Fire extinguishers, foam type and soda-acid type, of other materials	ad val.	80%
ex 204. Hams and bacon, dry, cured, or smoked, not preserved in cans, including weight of immediate containers	100 kilos.	\$45.00
<i>Provided</i> , That salt used for the packing of any article classified under this paragraph shall be dutiable under clause (c) of paragraph seventy-two.		
ex 207. Sausages, Bilbao type, canned or potted	kilo.	\$1.88½
	and ad val.	80%
ex 222. Vermicelli, including weight of immediate containers	100 kilos.	\$25.00
230. Vegetables, pickled;		
(b) In small or retail packages, including weight of immediate containers ..	kilo.	\$0.30
<i>Provided</i> , That no article classified under clause (b) of this paragraph shall pay a less rate of duty than		
	ad val.	200%
242. Coffee:		
(a) Roasted, ground or not, gross weight	100 kilos.	\$50.00
(c) In packages weighing each less than three kilos., including weight of immediate containers	100 kilos.	\$62.50
ex 253. Tomato catsup	kilo.	\$0.42
	and ad val.	75%
274. Fans, of all kinds	ad val.	350%
ex 278. Celluloid, including weight of immediate containers:		
ex (b) Eyeglass frames	kilo.	\$5.00
<i>Provided</i> , That no article classified under clause (b) of this paragraph shall pay a less rate of duty than		
	ad val.	300%
290. Caoutchouc and gutta-percha:		
ex (a) Camelback, of soft rubber, for recapping worn out tires, gross weight	kilo.	\$0.70
	and ad val.	50%
ex (b) Soft rubber bands	ad val.	215%
303. Materials, substances, and articles not otherwise provided for:		
ex (c) Plastic eyeglass frames	ad val.	300%

SEC. 2. All articles dutiable under the Philippine Tariff Act of 1909, as amended, not specifically included in the foregoing list shall pay, in addition to the existing rates of import duty thereon, an incremental duty amounting to thirty (30) *per centum* of such rates.

SEC. 3. "United States articles" shall be subject to the percentage rates of those prescribed in sections 1 and 2 above in accordance with the revised trade agreement between the Philippines and the United States made effective pursuant to Proclamation No. 216 dated November 28, 1955.

SEC. 4. The articles for which rates of import duty are established herein shall also be subject to the general rules of the Philippine Tariff Act of 1909, as amended.

SEC. 5. This Order shall take effect after 12:00 o'clock midnight of December 31, 1955. All dutiable articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, in the Philippines, for consumption after 12:00 o'clock midnight of the above-mentioned date shall pay the rates of duty herein prescribed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 31st day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred fifty-five, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the tenth.

RAMON MAGSAYSAY
President of the Philippines

By the President:

MARIANO YENKO, JR.
Acting Executive Secretary