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In view of the clear provisions of paragraph (a) of (1) of Section 3.2.5 of Department Administrative Order No. 18, Series of 2000 ("DAO #2000-18) that the annual imports for the years 1999 to 2010 shall not exceed the corresponding percentages of the "1996 recorded imports by weight," and so as to preclude erroneous interpretations of the foregoing of DAO 2000-18, Footnote #3 of the said, DAO, which states that "the 1996 levels were only estimated consumption based on available data. An allowance of 75% is added to consider unaccounted imports," is hereby deleted.

The deletion of the said Footnote No. 3 is further justified by the lack of technical, legal and factual bases therefore, and the clear commitment of the Philippines to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that deplete the Ozone Layer.

The heretofore Footnote No. 4, onwards, are hereby renumbered accordingly.

All orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

This Order shall take effect 15 days after publication in the Official Gazette or in at least (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Adopted: 22 Oct. 2002

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Secretary

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