

IMPLEMENTATION OF CAO 4-97 ON THE REQUIREMENT FOR PRE-SHIPMENT INSPECTION OF IMPORTS BOUND FOR DUTY-FREE SHOPS/OUTLETS IN THE FREEPORTS AND SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES

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I. Paragraph III.1 of CAO 4-97, implementing Executive Orders 444 s. 1997, provides:

"1. All imported goods bound for duty free shops/outlets or trading warehouses catering to duty free shops/outlets in the Freeports and in the Special Economic Zones ("DFS Goods" from hereon) shall be subject to pre-shipment inspection (PSI) by the Societe Generale de Surveillance (SGS) in the country of exportation, except the following:

For the orderly implementation of this Order, the Clean Report of Findings must be presented for shipments of firms covered by CAO 4-97 as follows:

- a. Shipments Covered by Letters of Credit — When the date of the L/C is on or after 10 November 1997.
- b. For Non — L/C Shipments — When the date of the Bill of Lading is on or after 10 November 1997.

II. Shipments of fresh, frozen and chilled foodstuff and fruits are exempted from the pre-shipment inspection requirement, in line with Joint Order No. 1-91.

III. Shipments concerned arriving in the country without the requisite CRF shall be deemed to have been imported contrary to law and shall be proceeded against accordingly.

For strict compliance.

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