

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, ON THE ONE HAND, AND THE FEDERAL MINISTER OF TRADE, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND THE FEDERAL MINISTER OF FIN...

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Article 1

The Department of Trade, Republic of the Philippines, herewith certifies that the National Cottage Industries Development Authority (NACIDA) is authorized to issue Certificates of origin and of the handicraft production of goods for the purpose of importation into Austria duty-free or at reduced rates of duty.

Article 2

(1)

Notwithstanding the provision of paragraph (2), the form and the substance of Certificates of origin and of the handicraft production of goods shall conform to the Form A used for the purposes of the Generalized System of Preferences.

(2)

The Certificates shall contain the following additional statements:

(a)

Additional declaration by the exporter (in box 7 of the said form):

“All the above goods are handicrafts products.”

(b)

Certification by the authorized agency mentioned in Article 1 above (in box 4 of the said form):

“It is hereby certified, on the basis of verifications carried out, that the goods described in this Certificate are handicraft products according to the Agreement between the Republic of the Philippines and Austria Place and date, signature and stamp of certifying agency”

(3)

Handicraft products are understood to mean goods which are produced mainly by hand or by using exclusive hand- or foot driven machines or tools only. The utilization of machine-made raw materials, in principle, does not exclude handicraft products from benefits accorded by Austrian law.

Article 3

The Department of Trade, Republic of the Philippines, shall notify each change with regard to the National Cottage Industries Development Authority (NACIDA) as mentioned in Article 1 to the Federal Minister of Finance of the Republic of Austria.

Article 4

The Department of Trade, Republic of the Philippines, shall render administrative assistance to the Austrian authorities, upon their request, in verifying the authenticity and accuracy of Certificates.

Article 5

This Agreement shall enter into force ten weeks after signature; it shall be concluded for a period of two years.

Its validity shall be extended annually without further procedure for the period of another year, unless either Contracting Party gives to the other a six months' written notice through diplomatic channels of its intention to terminate this Agreement.

Done in two originals in the English language.

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