AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 250 DATED 2 JUNE 1995 IMPLEMENTING THE RATIONALIZATION OF DUTY FREE STORES/OUTLETS AND THEIR OPERATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES PURSUANT TO EO 140 AND FO...

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WHEREAS, under Sec. 4(f) of RA 6768, balikbayans, as defined therein, are entitled to buy one (1) item of every product category of non-consumables, whose selling price exceeds Two Hundred United States Dollars (US$200.00);

WHEREAS, balikbayans and overseas contract workers are clamoring for their entitlement to buy such duty-free imported heavy durables;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Section 5 of Executive Order No. 250 dated 2 June 1995 is hereby amended to read as follows:

> "SECTION 5. Allowable Items in duty free shops — The range of itmes to be sold by duty free stores/outlets operated by Duty Free Philippines outside of special economic zones/freeports established pursuant to RA Nos. 7227 and 7916 shall henceforth be limited to consumables, light durables, television sets of sizes not manufactured in the Philippines and locally manufactured heavy durables.
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> Imported heavy durables carried by duty free stores/outlets operated in the country's international ports of entry and special economic zones and freeports shall only be sold to balikbayans, overseas contract workers and residents of the secured area of the special economic zones and/or freeports.
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> In the availment of this privilege, the following shall be presented as proof of entitlement:
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> a. Filipino citizen who has been continuously out of the country for at least one (1) year from date of last departure:
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> 1. Philippine Passport showing date of last departure
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> b. Foreign passport holder:
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> 1. Passport and any of the following:
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> - Old Philippine Passport
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> - Foreign naturalization papers to show former Philippine citizenship
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> - Certification from adopted country
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> c. Filipino overseas contract worker:
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> 1. Passport and any one of the following:
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> - POEA approved contract of employment

- Certificate of employment by the foreign employer

- Certificate of employment by the Philippine Embassy/Consulate

- Prior year's income tax return to prove gainful employment abroad

- Seaman's Service Record Book

Family members of the balikbayans who are travelling with the balikbayan should present:

1. Passport and any one of the following:

- Birth certificate, in case of children

- Marriage certificate, in the case of the spouse

- Adoption papers, in the case of legally adopted children."

SECTION 2. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: 22 Dec. 1995

(SGD.) FIDEL V. RAMOS
President

By the President:

(SGD.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

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