

AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A SUPER GREEN LANE FACILITY; AT THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 230, March 31, 2000

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WHEREAS, there is a need to enhance trade facilitation, particularly in the processing of import cargoes at the Bureau of Customs;

WHEREAS, under clearly defined conditions, the country's topmost qualified importers may be allowed to avail of the special customs clearance facility that will allow advance processing and clearance of their importation without jeopardizing collection performance;

WHEREAS, this special facility called as "Super Green Lane" using the Electronic Data Interchange will result in considerable savings in time and money for the qualified importers;

WHEREAS, to ensure the sustainability of the Super Green Lane facility the importers, being the direct beneficiaries, shall be charged a service fee for every importation processed under this facility;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PRESIDENT JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

Section 1. Establishment of a Super Green Lane Facility. A Super Green Lane Facility established by the Department of Finance and the Bureau of Customs is hereby authorized which with the use of Electronic Data Interchange will allow for the advance processing and clearance of the shipments of the country's topmost qualified importers without the benefit of prior physical examination and documentary check on their shipments upon compliance with pertinent Customs laws, rules and regulations.

Section 2. Trust Fund Creation. A Super Green Lane Trust Fund is hereby created and established which shall be sourced from the service fee charged for every shipment of qualified importers utilizing the Super Green Lane Facility to be recorded and disbursed in accordance with such rules and regulations as may be determined by the Permanent Committee created under Section 45 of Executive Order No. 292, otherwise known as the Administrative Code of 1987. The Permanent Committee shall likewise monitor and evaluate the activities and balances of the Trust Fund.

Section 3. Trust Fund Utilization. The Super Green Lane Trust Fund may be expended and utilized to enhance the Facility's efficiency and effectiveness, particularly for the following purposes:

- Maintenance and improvement of the operation of the Super Green Lane Facility, including the Automated Customs Operation System and related computer systems of the Bureau of Customs;
- Institutionalization of post audit procedures and processes;
- Fraud investigations and prosecutions;
- Training and programs to enhance the capability and competence of personnel and staff of the Facility;

- Such other activities and programs as may be deemed appropriate by the Bureau of Customs to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the Facility.

Section 4. Rules and Regulations. The Secretary of Finance and the Commissioner of Customs shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to effectively implement this Order.

Section 5. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 31st day of March, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand.

(Sgd.) JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA

By the President:

(Sgd.) RONALDO B. ZAMORA

Executive Secretary

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