

**INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION**

**TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:**

**KNOW YE**, that whereas, the International Convention on the Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedures, as amended, was adopted in Kyoto on 18 May 1973 and entered into force on 25 September 1974;

**WHEREAS**, in June 1999, 114 customs administrations of the World Customs Organization (WCO), in its 94<sup>th</sup> Session, adopted the International Convention on the Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedure (as amended), known as the Revised Kyoto Convention (RKC), which entered into force on 03 February 2006;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines is a member of the World Customs Organization;

**WHEREAS**, the **RKC** endeavors to a) promote international trade by establishing a universal system of simplified and harmonized customs procedures; b) create better understanding of compliance requirements leading to increased transparency and predictability in customs procedures; c) impact positively on border security as it promotes the secure movement of legitimate trade across the globe; d) prevent the passing of national legislation contrary to the principles of the Convention; e) implement special procedures for low-risk importers; and f) reduce the time and cost of clearing customs in the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, Article 8(1) of the Revised Kyoto Convention provides that "Any Member of the Council and any Member of the United Nations or its specialized agencies may become a Contracting Party to this Convention: (a) by signing it without reservation of ratification; (b) by depositing an instrument of ratification after signing it subject to ratification, or (c) by acceding to it";

**WHEREAS**, Article 18 (2) of the RKC provides that "this Convention shall enter into force for any Contracting Party three months after it has become a Contracting Party in accordance with Article 8";

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it known that **I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the aforementioned *International Convention on the Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedures (as amended)*, do hereby accept, accede to and agree to be bound by the Body of the International Convention on the Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedures (as amended), General Annex and the following Chapters and Specific Annexes:

1. Specific Annex A- Arrival of Goods in a Customs Territory:
  - Chapter 1- Formalities Prior to the Lodgement of the Goods Declaration
  - Chapter 2 - Temporary Storage of Goods
2. Specific Annex B- Importation:
  - Chapter 1- Clearance for Home Use
  - Chapter 2 - Re-importation in the Same State
  - Chapter 3 - Relief from Import Duties and Taxes
3. Specific Annex C - Exportation
  - Chapter 1 - Outright Exportation
4. Specific Annex E - Transit:
  - Chapter 1 - Customs Transit
  - Chapter 2 - Transshipment
5. Specific Annex F - Processing:
  - Chapter 3 - Drawback



6. Specific Annex G - Temporary Admission:
  - Chapter 1 - Temporary Admission
7. Specific Annex J - Special Procedures:
  - Chapter 1 - Travellers
  - Chapter 2 - Postal Traffic
  - Chapter 4 - Stores
  - Chapter 5 - Relief Consignments
8. Specific Annex K - Origin

**BE IT FINALLY KNOWN**, that I register reservations against the following Recommended Practices in Specific Annexes A, B, F, G and J:

1. Specific Annex A - Arrival of Goods in Customs Territory:
  - Chapter 1 - Formalities Prior to the Lodgement of the Goods Declaration
    - Recommended Practice 9
    - Recommended Practice 10
    - Recommended Practice 12
  - Chapter 2 - Temporary Storage of Goods
    - Recommended Practice 10
2. Specific Annex B - Importation
  - Chapter 1 - Clearance for Home Use
    - Recommended Practice 2
  - Chapter 3 - Relief from Import Duties and Taxes
    - Recommended Practice 6
    - Recommended Practice 7
3. Specific Annex F - Processing
  - Chapter 3 - Drawback
    - Recommended Practice 3
    - Recommended Practice 5
    - Recommended Practice 6
    - Recommended Practice 9
    - Recommended Practice 10
4. Specific Annex G - Temporary Admission
  - Chapter 1 - Temporary Admission
    - Recommended Practice 9
    - Recommended Practice 10
    - Recommended Practice 14
    - Recommended Practice 19
    - Recommended Practice 21
    - Recommended Practice 23
6. Specific Annex J - Special Procedures
  - Chapter 1 - Travellers
    - Recommended Practice 9
    - Recommended Practice 14
    - Recommended Practice 16
    - Recommended Practice 17
  - Chapter 2 - Postal Traffic
    - Recommended Practice 9

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

**GIVEN** under my hand at the City of Manila, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and nine.

**BY THE PRESIDENT:**

*Alberto S. Romulo*

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*Gloria M. Araya*

