

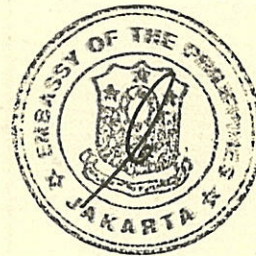


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The Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines presents its compliments to the ASEAN Secretariat and has the honor to forward herewith a letter dated 16 December 1999 from ASEAN-Philippines enclosing the original Instrument of Ratification on the Protocol 3 to the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit (Types and Quantity of Road Vehicles) by the Philippines.

The Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the ASEAN Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.

28 December 1999





REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
KAGAWARAN NG UGNAYANG PANLABAS



ASEAN-PHILIPPINES NATIONAL SECRETARIAT

Our ref. no. : ASNSG- -RBA-99
Subject : **Instruments of Ratification on the Protocol 3 to the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit**
Date : 16 December 1999

Dear Secretary General Severino,

I am please to forward herewith for your information and appropriate action, the original Instrument of Ratification signed by H.E. President Joseph Ejercito Estrada on the Protocol 3 to the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit (Types and Quantity of Road Vehicles).

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Virginia H. Benavidez
VIRGINIA H. BENAVIDEZ
Acting Director-General

H.E. RODOLFO C. SEVERINO, JR.
Secretary General of ASEAN
ASEAN Secretariat
Jakarta, Indonesia

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MANILA

INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

KNOW YE, that whereas, the Protocol 3 to the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit (Types and Quantity of Road Vehicles) was signed in Hanoi, Vietnam on 15 September 1999;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit, the Protocol applies to all road transit transport vehicles and transport operators as defined in Article 1 thereof;

WHEREAS, under the Protocol, each Contracting Party will be allowed to use not more than sixty (60) road transit transport vehicles and the transit transport operators will not be permitted to engage in transit transport using road vehicles other than those specified as road transit transport vehicles in Annex 1;

WHEREAS, the Contracting Parties agree to authorize the unhindered access and movement of road transit transport vehicles on designated transit transport routes, provided that the vehicle complies with the road traffic rules and regulations of the Contracting Party across whose territory it passes;

WHEREAS, the road transport transit vehicle to which the Protocol applies will not be allowed to engage in transit transport unless it complies with the Mandatory Technical Requirements as specified in Protocol 4;

WHEREAS, Article 8 of the Protocol provides that it shall enter into force upon the deposit of Instruments of Ratification or Acceptance by all Contracting Parties with the ASEAN Secretary-General;

WHEREAS, this Protocol is not one of those treaties and international agreements contemplated in Section 21, Article VII of the 1987 Constitution which require the concurrence of the Senate, but an executive agreement which can be validly entered into by the President in the exercise of his treaty making powers;

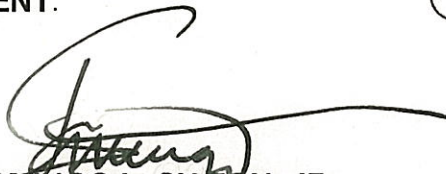
NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that **I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the aforementioned Protocol 3 to the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit (Types and Quantity of Road Vehicles), do hereby ratify and confirm the same and every Article and Clause thereof.



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, on this 25th day of November in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine.

BY THE PRESIDENT:



DOMINGO L. SAZON, JR.
Secretary of Foreign Affairs

