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**DOF suspends taxes on imported books**

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THE Department of Finance (DOF) has suspended its order imposing taxes on imported books following criticisms from various sectors.

The National Book Development Board (NBDB), the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the Department

of Foreign Affairs have criticized Department Order 17-09 which imposed a one percent duty on imported educational, technical, scientific, historical and cultural books and a five percent tariff on other book classifications to be used for profit. The issuance also imposed a five-percent tariff on "books or raw materials not to be used for book publishing and its

related activities." Finance Secretary Margarito Teves said after evaluating the comments submitted by the three institutions, the department has decided to suspend the order.

The Finance department issued the order last March in response to complaints on book importations held by the Bureau of Customs. The BOC said some book importers failed to present the required documents that would allow them to import these books duty-free.

However, UNESCO said the order violates the 1950 Florence Agreement among UNESCO members including the Philippines. The agreement stipulates that there would be no taxes or fees charged on the importation of books and other publications.

The Finance chief said the government did not mean to violate the agreement.

"It has never been our intention to impede the free flow of books as enshrined in the UNESCO Florence Agreement, and we fully support free exchange of ideas and knowledge which is accomplished primarily by means of books, publications and educational, scientific and cultural materials," Teves said.

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