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Approved by: _____

Ameko Pato, Director
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PRESS RELEASE

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requirements on Motor Vehicles)**

The American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency (AS-EPA) wishes to inform the public that Honorable Governor Lolo Matalasi Moliga recently issued an **Executive Order Number 003-2013 (EO 003-2013)** accompanied by **General Memorandum Number 038-2013** dated February 6, 2013. The recent EO 003-2013 serves as an amendment to **Executive Order Number 003-2012, American Samoa Climate Change Mitigation Rules** issued by former Governor Togiola Tulafono back in August 21, 2012.

EO 003-2013 which was effective immediately modifies Section 1 of the American Samoa Climate Change Mitigation Rules, Prohibition on Motor Vehicle Importations. The purpose of EO 003-2013 is to modify existing Executive Order Number 003-2012 to increase the age of motor vehicles allowed to be imported in American Samoa from 10 years to 15 years; to simplify the waiver request process; to reduce from two to one the project waiver categories; and to create a minimum fixed bond amount of \$5,000.00 or the amount of the import excise tax on the vehicle, whichever is greater for vehicles imported pursuant to a project waiver.

AS-EPA Director Ameko Pato stated that “these changes have been made to alleviate the inconvenience to the public when proposing to import vehicle(s) into the Territory. In addition to increasing the age of motor vehicles proposed for importation from 10 to 15 years, it also streamlines the waiver request process and reduces the project waiver categories, thus implementing a fixed bond amount for vehicles proposed to be imported under the project waiver provision of the executive order.”

Mr. Pato further stated that the implementing departments/agency of the Executive Order Number 003-2013 remains the same, which are the American Samoa Customs Office, the Office of Motor Vehicles (OMV), and the AS-EPA. In addition, the accompanying General Memorandum Number 038-2013 states that all other American Samoa Government Departments

and Agencies are expected to cooperate fully in the implementation of Executive Order Number 003-2012, as amended by Executive Order Number 003-2013 and shall assist as needed.

The public is strongly advised to plan ahead when proposing to import a vehicle to ensure that these amendments have been taken into account. For any questions or further clarification on this matter please contact AS-EPA at 633-2304.