

REQUIRING ALL OWNERS OR OPERATORS OF XEROX AND OTHER TYPES OF COPYING MACHINES OR EQUIPMENT TO REGISTER THEIR EQUIPMENT OR MACHINES

PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 140, March 02, 1973

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WHEREAS, xerox and other similar copying machines or equipment have been utilized for the production of subversive propaganda materials;

WHEREAS, these copying machines or equipment have also been utilized in the falsification of letters and important papers mid documents; and

WHEREAS, it has, therefore, become necessary for the Government to regulate the use of these machines or equipment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by the Constitution as Commander-in-Chief of all the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and pursuant to Proclamation No. 1081, dated September 21, 1972, and General Order No. 1, dated September 22, 1972, as amended, do hereby decree and order:

- That all such machines or equipment be registered with either the Philippine Constabulary or the National Bureau of Investigation;
- That these equipment or machines shall be registered within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date hereof, and in the event of failure to register within the period herein prescribed, the machine or equipment shall be confiscated by the National Bureau of Investigation or the Philippine Constabulary;
- That the Chief, Philippine Constabulary or the Director, National Bureau of Investigation shall inform the Secretary of National Defense, the Secretary of Justice and the Secretary of Public Information of the registration herein required for their information and guidance;
- That the Secretary of Public Information shall widely publish this order especially during the period of fifteen (15) days prescribed for the registration of these equipment and machines;
- That all future acquisitions by purchase, lease or other modes, of these machines or equipment shall be registered as herein prescribed.
- That the Chief, Philippine Constabulary, and the Director, National Bureau of Investigation, shall prescribe any rules or regulations needed to implement this Decree.

Done in the City of Manila, this 2nd day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-three.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

President

Republic of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) ALEJANDRO MELCHOR

Executive Secretary

In order to facilitate the implementation of this Presidential Decree No. 140, the Philippine Constabulary and the National Bureau of Investigation jointly issued an HPC-NBI directive, dated March 7, 1973, prescribing the rules and regulations in registering copying machines.

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