

EXTENDING Franking PRIVILEGE TO THE SUPREME COURT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 207, July 01, 1987

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WHEREAS, it is essential to provide the Supreme Court with all the necessary facilities to enable it to discharge its duties and functions promptly and with dispatch;

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court disburses a sizeable amount of its budgetary appropriation for postage stamps for mailing its official communications and papers;

WHEREAS, in the interest of expediting the sending of the Court's notices which cannot all be done by personal service due to the limited number of its process servers and facilities, it is necessary to extend franking privilege to the Supreme Court, in the same manner that the Court of Appeals and all other lower courts have been granted franking privilege;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The Supreme Court may transmit thru ordinary mail and/or registered mail with return card, free of charge all official communications and papers directly connected with the conduct of judicial proceedings and/or its exercise of administrative supervision over lower courts and personnel thereof.

The envelope or wrapper of the privileged mail matter shall bear on the left upper corner "Supreme Court" together with its address and on the right upper corner, the words "Private or unauthorized use to avoid payment of postage is penalized by fine or imprisonment or both".

SEC. 2. The implementing rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Transportation and Communications to carry out the franking privilege of the Court of Appeals and all other lower courts shall likewise apply to the franking privilege granted herein to the Supreme Court: Provided, That any person who uses the privilege granted hereunder for private or unauthorized purposes shall be punished by a fine of five hundred pesos or imprisonment of not more than three years, or both, at the discretion of the Court.

SEC. 3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 1st day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-seven.

CORAZON C. AQUINO
President of the Philippines

By the President:

JOKER P. ARROYO
Executive Secretary

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