AN ACT GRANTING ESSO STANDARD FERTILIZER AND AGRICULTURAL CHEMICAL COMPANY, INC. (PHILIPPINES), A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE PRIVATE FIXED POINT-TO-POINT, PRIV...

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4479, June 19, 1965

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. The Esso Standard Fertilizer and Agricultural Chemical Company, Inc. (Philippines), is hereby granted a franchise to establish, maintain and operate private fixed point-to-point, private coastal, private aeronautical and land-based and land-mobile radio stations in the Province of Bataan, in the City of Manila, and in such places within the Philippines where it operates its business and/or the interest of its trade and business activities justify, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Public Works and Communications, for the transmission and reception of wireless messages on radiotelegraph or radiotelephone to and from said stations.

SEC. 2. This franchise shall continue to be in force for a period of twenty-five years and is granted upon the express condition that the same shall be void unless the construction or installation of at least one station be begun within two years from the date of approval of this Act and be completed within four years from said date.

The President of the Philippines shall have the power and authority to permit the location of said private fixed point-to-point, private coastal, private aeronautical and land-based and land-mobile radio stations on any land of the public domain upon such terms as he may prescribe

SEC. 3. The grantee shall not engage in domestic business of telecommunications in the Philippines Without further assent of the Congress of the Philippines, it being understood that the purpose of this franchise is to secure to the grantee the right to establish, maintain and operate private fixed point-to-point, private coastal private aeronautical and land-based and land-mobile radio stations at the places hereinabove stated for no other purpose than to promote, protect and subserve the trade and business interests of the grantee.

SEC. 4. No fees shall be charged as the radio stations that may be established by virtue of this Act shall engage in communications regarding the grantee's business only.

SEC. 5. The grantee shall so construct and operate its stations as not to interfere with the operation of other radio stations maintained and operated in the Philippines.

SEC. 6. The grantee is authorized to operate its radio stations on the frequency and/or frequencies that may be assigned to it by the Secretary of Public Works and Communications.

SEC. 7. A special right is hereby reserved to the President of the Philippines in time of war, insurrection, public peril, calamity, or disaster, to cause the closing of the grantee's radio stations or to authorize the temporary use or possession thereof by any department of the Government upon just compensation.

SEC. 8. This franchise shall be subject to amendment, alteration, or repeal by the Congress of the Philippine when

the public service so requires, and shall not interpreted as an exclusive grant of the privilege herein provided for.

SEC. 9. Whenever in this Act the term "grantee" is used, it shall be held and understood to mean and represent Esso Standard Fertilizer and Agricultural Chemical Company, Inc. (Philippines), its representatives, successors or assigns.

SEC. 10. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved, June 19, 1965.

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