

CONSTITUTING A CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL ON RICE AND OTHER GRAINS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 213, August 24, 1995

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WHEREAS, agricultural development and food security are integral components of our strategy to attain growth and modernization;

WHEREAS, the supply, distribution, and price stabilization of rice and other grains are critical to our country's food security and the over-all development of the agricultural sector;

WHEREAS, the government adopts the policy of consultation through tripartism as a mechanism for problem-solving and direction-setting;

NOW THEREFORE, I FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the creation of a Consultative Council on Rice and other Grains (hereinafter referred to as the Council).

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION. The Council shall be chaired by the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture with the following as members:

- President, Philippine Grains Industry Council (Co-Chair)
- Secretary, Department of Agrarian Reform
- Secretary, Department of Trade and Industry
- Secretary, Department of Science and Technology
- Secretary, Department of Interior and Local Government
- President, League of Provinces
- President, League of Cities
- President League of Municipalities
- Representative from the livestock industry
- Representative from consumer organizations
- Two Representative from the basic sectors

The representatives from the livestock industry, consumer organizations, and basic sectors shall be appointed by the President upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Council.

SEC. 2. FUNCTIONS. The Council will serve as a consultative body on matters related to supply and pricing of rice and other grains and provision of support facilities to rice and grain farmers. The Council shall also serve as recommendatory body to the President on matters pertaining to rice and grains issues.

SEC. 3. SECRETARIAT SUPPORT. Secretariat support shall be provided by the Department of Agriculture.

SEC. 4. EFFECTIVITY. This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila this 24th day of August, in the Year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Five.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES

Executive Secretary

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