

ESTABLISHING AN ANTI-RED TAPE TASK FORCE

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 557, August 08, 2006

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WHEREAS, one of the strategic measures for global competitiveness in the Medium Term Philippine Development Plan is to reduce red tape in all government agencies to reduce transactions costs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Philippines, by the power vested in me by Constitution and the laws of the Philippines, do hereby order:

- There is hereby established an Anti-Red Tape Task Force ("Task Force") with full-time members from the Presidential Management Staff, the Commission on Information and Communications Technology, the Department of Trade and Industry, the Export Development Council Secretariat, and the National Anti-Poverty Commission as members. The Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry shall likewise be invited to send a representative who shall participate full-time in the activities of the Task Force.
- The Secretary of Trade and Industry shall be the Chairman of the Task Force. There shall be a full-time operations officer coming from the Export Development Council Secretariat.
- The Task Force shall handle the Anti-Red Tape Module of the forthcoming National Competitiveness Summit and shall be incorporated into the National Competitiveness Council to be established in the said Summit.
- All executive issuances inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
- This Executive Order takes effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 8th day of August in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

(Sgd.) GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO

By the President:

(Sgd.) EDUARDO R. ERMITA

Executive Secretary

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