PROVIDING FOR THE SURRENDER AND LICENSING OF LOOSE FIREARMS AND ESTABLISHING A CENTRAL RECORDS UNIT FOR ALL FIREARMS

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WHEREAS, there is a rising incidence of crimes committed with the use of the loose or unlicensed firearms;

WHEREAS, the reports from law enforcement agencies reveal that there is still a big number of unlicensed firearms, including those which have nor been re-registered pursuant to Presidential National Emergency Memorandum Order No. 6 dated January 4, 1990 which are already deemed unlicensed firearms, majority of which may be in the possession of persons who may be desirous of surrendering or licensing the same in accordance with existing laws; and

WHEREAS, it is consistent with the national interest to give these holders of unlicensed firearms the opportunity to obtain licenses therefor within a limited period of time.

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:

SECTION 1. Any person who possesses any firearm without license as required by P.D. No. 1866 and its implementing rules and regulations, to include those whose licenses have expired beyond six (6) months, may within a period of three (3) months from the effectivity of this Executive Order, surrender the same to the Philippine National Police and apply for license to possess the same, provided that he is qualified to possess the firearm in accordance with existing laws and regulations.

SECTION 2. Any person who surrenders his firearm may, for a period of six (6) months from the date of surrender, transfer the same to any qualified individual, firm or corporation, subject to the approval of the Chief, Philippine National Police.

SECTION 3. All Memorandum Receipts for government firearms and the corresponding Mission Orders previously issued to private persons are hereby cancelled and recalled immediately. Henceforth, Memorandum Receipts for government-owned firearms, and Mission Orders covering the same shall be issued only to organic government personnel while in the performance of their official duties, pursuant to P.D. No. 1866 and implementing rules and regulations.

SECTION 4. The Firearms and Explosives Office (FEO) of the Philippine National Police, as the final repository and sole clearing house of all records and information pertaining to firearms and ammunition, pursuant to P.D. No. 1866 and implementing rules and regulations, shall computerize all its records within a period of six (6) months from the effectivity of this Executive Order.

SECTION 5. To complete and update the firearms records of the FEO, all government agencies, including government-owned or controlled corporations, and all local government units shall submit to the FEO a complete inventory of all firearms procured by them. Likewise, the Bureau of Customs shall submit to the FEO report on all previous and subsequent firearms importations.

Failure to comply herewith shall be dealt severely under existing rules and regulations.

SECTION 6. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: 13 Sept. 1993

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS
President
By the President:

(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

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