

[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 914, March 29, 1976]

CREATING THE LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

WHEREAS, it is the Government's policy to encourage agricultural production in order to achieve food self-sufficiency;

WHEREAS, without a unifying authority, the activities of several government agencies with interrelated functions have sometimes led to duplication and unintegrated measures which frustrate government and private efforts toward the attainment of self-sufficiency in food of animal origin;

WHEREAS, the organization of the National Food and Agriculture Council has made substantial gains in the administration and implementation of food crops production, particularly in rice, corn and other crops;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for a coordinating agency similar to the National Food and Agriculture Council that shall oversee, unify, and integrate the administration and implementation of the livestock industries and allied industries development and rationalization.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order and decree the following:

SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy*—It is the declared policy of the State to promote the development of the livestock industry in order to increase the supply of livestock and livestock products and to attain self-sufficiency in food commodities of animal origin.

SECTION 2. *Creation of the Livestock Development Council*—There is hereby created a body called the Livestock Development Council, hereinafter referred to as the "Council" which shall be under the administrative supervision of the Department of Agriculture.

SECTION 3. *Powers and Functions*—The Council shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. To formulate and establish comprehensive policy guidelines for the development of the livestock industry in all its aspects.
- b. To formulate the long and short range programs calculated to achieve major self-sufficiency, efficiency, and stability in food commodities of animal origin.
- c. To coordinate, integrate, and supervise all policies and programs of all government agencies charged with the implementation thereof.
- d. To evaluate the activities and accomplishments of all agencies of the government charged with the implementation of the different aspects of the livestock development programs.
- e. To assist, coordinate, and integrate private sector activities with that of the government sector with the purpose of involving the private sector in the food development programs of animal origin and allied industries.

- f. To call on any department, bureau, office, agency, and other instrumentalities of the government in the form of personnel, facilities, and other resources as the need arises in the performance of its functions.
- g. To perform such other functions as maybe necessary to attain the objectives of the livestock development programs.

SECTION 4. *Composition of the Council.* The members of the Council shall be composed of the following:

A. From the Government Sector

- 1. Secretary, Department of Agriculture
- 2. Secretary, Department of Agrarian Reform
- 3. Secretary, Department of Industry
- 4. Secretary, Department of Local Governments and Community Development
- 5. Secretary, Department of National Resources
- 6. Director-General, National Economic Development Authority
- 7. Secretary, Department of Trade
- 8. Director, Bureau of Animal Industry
- 9. Chairman, Board of Investments
- 10. Director, Central Bank, Department of Rural Banks and Savings and Loan Associations
- 11. Administrator, National Grains Authority
- 12. President, Food Terminal, Inc.
- 13. Director-General, Philippine Council for Agriculture and Resources Research
- 14. President, Land Bank of the Philippines
- 15. President, Philippine National Bank
- 16. Governor, Development Bank of the Philippines
- 17. Executive Director, Livestock Development Council
- 18. Chief, Philippine Constabulary

The Heads of Offices from the government sector may appoint his representative to the Council from among his senior officials.

B. From the Private Sector

- 1. President, Federation of Cattle Raisers Association of the Philippines
- 2. President, Philippine Poultry Industry Association
- 3. President, Philippine Association of Hog Raisers, Inc.
- 4. President, Contract Growers Association of the Philippines
- 5. President, Food Processors Association
- 6. President, Philippine Association of Meat Importers
- 7. President, Philippine Association of Feedmillers, Inc.
- 8. Representative of Small Poultry Raisers
- 9. Representative of Small Hog Raisers
- 10. Representative of Small Cattle Raisers

The Secretary of the Department of Agriculture or his duly designated representative shall be the Chairman of the Council. Representative of small poultry, hog and cattle raisers, shall be appointed by the Chairman upon recommendation of the Council. Other government agencies, associations, organizations or institutions