

[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 415, March 19, 1974]

AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE TO ENTER INTO DEFENSE CONTRACTS TO IMPLEMENT PROJECTS UNDER THE SELF-RELIANT DEFENSE PROGRAMS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, it is the objective of the State to achieve a self-reliant defense posture;

WHEREAS, the achievement of this goal requires the immediate prosecution of national defense projects for the acquisition of military material;

WHEREAS, the implementation of projects under the Self-Reliant Defense Program will generate labor, spur industrial and commercial activities, and conserve foreign exchange resources;

WHEREAS, the majority of these projects will require financing from foreign sources;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution as Commander-in-Chief of all the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and pursuant to Proclamation No. 1081, dated September 21, 1972, and General Order No. 1, dated September 22, 1972, as amended, do hereby order and decree as follows:

SECTION 1. The Secretary of National Defense, in behalf of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, is hereby authorized to enter into contracts, under such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon, with any natural or juridical person, with or without public bidding, for the manufacture or procurement of supplies, equipment, or components thereof, facilities, utilities and appurtenances thereto which are necessary for the manufacture, servicing, or operation of such supplies, equipment or components thereof needed for national defense and covered by the Self-Reliant Defense Program approved by the President of the Philippines, any provision of law, including Section Six Hundred and Seven of the Revised Administrative Code, Commonwealth Act Numbered Five hundred forty-one, Act Numbered Four thousand two hundred thirty-nine, Republic Act Numbered Five thousand one hundred-three and other related laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

SECTION 2. Foreign and local prime contractors engaged or proposing to engage in the manufacture and/or fabrication of defense material for the government in accordance with the Self-Reliant Defense Program may be registered and avail of the incentives under Republic Act Numbered Five thousand one hundred eighty-six as amended, with respect to defense industries covered by the program and listed under a supplemental annual investment priority plan, upon recommendation of the Department of National Defense and the National Economic and Development Authority. In the interest of national security, publication of the above supplemental list shall be dispensed with and the Board of Investments shall adopt a special procedure in the processing of application for registration by defense contractors under this Program.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of this Decree and any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, the President of the Philippines is hereby authorized in behalf of