

[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 314, October 20, 1973]

INCREASING THE SPECIFIC TAX ON GASOLINE, LUBRICATING OIL AND AUTOMOTIVE DIESEL OIL BY AMENDING SECTIONS 142 AND 145 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AS AMENDED^[*]

WHEREAS, it is in line with the declared policy of the Government to accelerate the economic and social development of the country to provide for the construction and improvement of highways, roads, bridges and other infrastructures;

WHEREAS, the estimated amounts that are expected to accrue to the Highway Special Fund in the next fiscal years are grossly inadequate to pursue the current program of highway improvement and development;

WHEREAS, the tax on gasoline in the Philippines is one of the lowest in the world, as revealed in a comparative study of the gasoline tax in fifteen (15) countries/cities, as revealed by the following statistics (based on April 1972 estimates):

The Cost of Gasoline in Several Countries/Cities Product Cost in Equipment Showing the Tax Component and Centavos Per Liter

<i>Among Non-Asian Countries/Cities</i>	<i>Tax Element</i>	<i>Product Cost</i>
Adelaide, Australia	24.5	43.4
Dallas, U.S.A.	15.5	42.7
Naples, Italy	123.6	34.3
New York, U.S.A.	18.9	51.3
New Zealand	34.0	38.1
Oslo, Norway	95.1	39.0
Rotterdam, Netherlands	82.1	36.0
United Kingdom	77.3	37.8
Vienna, Austria	54.9	33.5
Washington, D.C., U.S.A.	18.9	44.5
<i>Among Asian Countries</i>		
Bangkok	27.8	31.8
Hong Kong	42.4	37.8
Kuala Lumpur	60.8	36.4
Singapore	60.8	35.0
Tokyo	51.9	43.9