

[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 7, September 30, 1972]

PRESCRIBING THE ORDERLY MARKETING OF LIVESTOCK AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS AND NEW REGULATIONS ON ANIMAL FEEDS^[*]

WHEREAS, the prices of meat and other livestock products have been increasing to the detriment of our people inspite of government efforts to expand the production of livestock and animal products;

WHEREAS, the livestock and poultry industry is one of the major agricultural industries of the Philippines and its accelerated development would mean the increased production of meat and other animal products necessary to improve the health of the people and to bolster the national economy;

WHEREAS, producers and marketers of livestock and animal products encounter numerous legal and illegal fees and charges in the production, transport, and marketing of their products;

WHEREAS, these fees and charges operate to increase livestock production and marketing costs and therefore increase meat prices;

WHEREAS, the livestock industry also largely depends upon the quality of animal feeds and therefore a stricter law to control and regulate the manufacture, importation, sale and distribution of animal feeds is imperative;

WHEREAS, there were pending before Congress prior to the promulgation of Proclamation No. 1081, dated September 21, 1972, certain priority measures vital to the livestock industry;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, 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, in order to effect the desired reforms in the social, economic, and political structure of the country, do hereby order and decree that, with the exception of ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection fees, as well as delivery, stockyard, and slaughter or fees as may be authorized by the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources the collection of all other fees and charges including reinspection fees, inventory fees, certificate of ownership fees, transfer certificate fees, Mayor's permits, City Hall fees, customs fees, shipping certificate fees, and check-point charges are hereby terminated.

Ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection of animals and their carcasses done by duly designated veterinarians in the employ of the National Government shall be valid when the said carcasses are transported from any accredited slaughterhouse in the Philippines to any trading center in the country, provided the safeguards for the proper transport of the meat are undertaken. Any additional post-mortem inspection if deemed necessary are to be done only at the request of the buyer and only by veterinarians in the employ of the National-Government or by veterinarians duly accredited by the National Meat Inspection Commission to be organized as specified hereunder.