

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 91, January 12, 2004]

**DESIGNATING THE BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION AS THE
IMPLEMENTING AGENCY OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9225
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "CITIZENSHIP RETENTION AND
REACQUISITION ACT OF 2003"**

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 9225, otherwise known as the "Citizenship Retention and Reacquisition Act of 2003", took effect on September 17, 2003;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of R.A. No. 9225 declares that natural born citizens of the Philippines who become citizens of another country shall be deemed not to have lost their Philippine citizenship under the conditions provided therein;

WHEREAS, R.A. No. 9225 is silent on the agency, body or committee to implement its provisions;

WHEREAS, under the pertinent provisions of the Administrative Code of 1987 (E.O. No. 292), the Bureau of Immigration is principally responsible for the administration and enforcement of immigration, citizenship, alien admission and registration laws;

WHEREAS, in the light of the current development, there is now an urgent need for a body to oversee the smooth and effective implementation of R.A. No. 9225;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Implementing Agency - The Bureau of Immigration, in consultation with the Department of Foreign Affairs, the Department of Justice and Office of the Civil Registrar-General, National Statistics Office, is hereby designated as the implementing agency of R.A. No. 9225.

SECTION 2. Functions - The Bureau of Immigration, shall:

- a. Promulgate and issue rules and regulations implementing the provisions of the Citizenship Retention and Reacquisition Act of 2003;
- b. Prescribe appropriate forms and documentary requirements as well as required fees for the processing of applications for retention and re-acquisition of Philippine citizenship under the law;