[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 213, August 24, 1995]

CONSTITUTING A CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL ON RICE AND OTHER GRAINS

WHEREAS, agricultural development and food security are integral components of our strategy to attain growth and modernization;

WHEREAS, the supply, distribution, and price stabilization of rice and other grains are critical to our country's food security and the over-all development of the agricultural sector;

WHEREAS, the government adopts the policy of consultation through tripartism as a mechanism for problem-solving and direction-setting;

NOW THEREFORE, I FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the creation of a Consultative Council on Rice and other Grains (hereinafter referred to as the Council).

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION. The Council shall be chaired by the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture with the following as members:

President, Philippine Grains Industry Council (Co-Chair)

Secretary, Department of Agrarian Reform

Secretary, Department of Trade and Industry

Secretary, Department of Science and Technology

Secretary, Department of Interior and Local Government

President, League of Provinces

President, League of Cities

President League of Municipalities

Representative from the livestock industry

Representative from consumer organizations

Two Representative from the basic sectors

The representatives from the livestock industry, consumer organizations, and basic sectors shall be appointed by the President upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Council.

SEC. 2. FUNCTIONS. The Council will serve as a consultative body on matters related to supply and pricing of rice and other grains and provision of support facilities to rice and grain farmers. The Council shall also serve as recommendatory body to the President on matters pertaining to rice and grains issues.

SEC. 3. SECRETARIAT SUPPORT. Secretariat support shall be provided by the Department of Agriculture.