

**[ ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 244, October 23, 1991 ]**

**AUTHORIZING SEABOARD-EASTERN INSURANCE CO., INC., TO  
BECOME A SURETY UPON OFFICIAL RECOGNIZANCES,  
STIPULATIONS, BONDS AND UNDERTAKINGS**

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Act No. 536, as amended by Act No. 2206, provides that whenever any recognizance, stipulation, bond or undertaking conditioned for the faithful performance of any duty or of any contract made with any public authority, national, provincial, municipal or otherwise, or of any undertaking, or for doing or refraining from doing anything in such recognizance, stipulation, bond, or undertaking specified is, by the laws of the Philippines or by the regulations or resolutions of any public authority therein, required or permitted to be given with one surety or with two or more sureties, the execution of the same or the guaranteeing of the performance of the condition thereof shall be sufficient when executed or guaranteed solely by a corporation organized under the laws of the Philippines, having power to guarantee the fidelity of persons holding positions of public or private trust, and to execute and guarantee bonds of undertakings in judicial proceedings, and to agree to the faithful performance of any contract or undertaking made with any public authority;

WHEREAS, said section further provides that no head of department, judge, officer, board or body, executive, legislative, or judicial, shall approve or accept any corporation as surety on any recognizance, stipulation, bond, contract or undertaking, unless such corporation has been authorized to do business in the Philippines, in accordance with the provisions of said Act No. 536, as amended, nor unless such corporation has by contract with the Government of the Philippines been authorized to become a surety upon official recognizances, bonds, and undertakings;

WHEREAS, SEABOARD-EASTERN INSURANCE CO., INC., is a domestic corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines and fulfills the conditions prescribed by said Act No. 536, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby authorize SEABOARD-EASTERN INSURANCE CO., INC. to become a surety upon official recognizances, stipulations, bonds, and undertakings in such manner and under such conditions as are provided by law, subject, however, to the condition that the amount constituting the contributed surplus fund shall not at anytime be withdrawn without prior recommendation and justification by the Insurance Commissioner duly approved by the Secretary of Finance, and provided further, that the moment SEABOARD-EASTERN INSURANCE CO., INC. becomes indebted to any government instrumentality or political subdivision thereof, or to any government-owned or controlled corporation in the total amount of P50,000.00 accruing from the issuance