

**[ ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 56, February 12, 1988 ]**

**CREATING A COMMODITY AID COMMITTEE TO COORDINATE PROGRAMS RELATED TO THE EFFECTIVE DELIVERY AND UTILIZATION OF FOOD AND MEDICINE DONATED BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

WHEREAS, the closer coordination among the agencies directly involved in the handling and distribution of foreign donated medicines and food has become necessary to effectively achieve and improve cost efficiency;

WHEREAS, the centralized planning of programs directly related to the distribution of foreign donated food and medicine is essential to ensure no overlapping of beneficiaries and to improve the network of distribution;

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish standardized procedures for the domestic transport, hauling, handling, storage and other related services for the distribution and effective delivery of all foreign donated medicines and food to their recipient agencies/programs/beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, the centralization of contracting transport, hauling, handling and storage procedures would be most cost efficient to exact lowest possible freight handling rates and more comprehensive liability coverage for losses, and would establish transparent procedures to enable the Government to monitor the delivery of the aid commodities with their required local counterpart resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Creation of a Commodity Aid Committee. There is hereby created a Commodity Aid Committee, hereinafter referred to as the COMMITTEE, to be composed of the duly authorized representatives of at least directorial level from the following:

- a. Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)
- b. Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS)
- c. Department of Health (DOH)
- d. Department of Budget and Management (DBM)
- e. Department of Finance (DOF)
- f. Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC)
- g. Commission on Audit (COA)
- h. National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)
- i. Department of Agriculture (DA)