[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 580, November 21, 2006]

AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 256 DATED 21 DECEMBER 1995 AND EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 197 DATED 13 JANUARY 2000 ON THE IMPOSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE FINE FOR LOSS OF FIREARM

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 256 dated 21 December 1995, rationalized the fees and charges on Firearms, Ammunition, Spare Parts, Accessories, Components, Explosives, Explosives Ingredients, Pyrotechnics and other devices;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 197 dated 13 January 2000 directed all Departments, Bureaus, Commissions, Agencies, Offices and Instrumentalities of the National Government including government-owned or controlled corporations to increase their rates of fees and charges by not less than twenty (20) percent and based on this order the Philippine National Police implemented a Revised Schedule of Fees, including administrative fines for loss of firearms;

WHEREAS, based on the Firearm Information Management system (FIMS) of the Firearms and Explosives Division, Civil Security Group, 5,399 registered firearms were reported lost by licensed firearm holders;

WHEREAS, there is a need to impose stiffer administrative fines for loss of firearms in order to encourage licensed firearm holders to be more conscious in securing their registered firearms to prevent the same from getting into the hands of terrorists or criminal elements.

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

SECTION 1. The rate of administrative fine for loss of firearm regardless of the type and/or caliber which is covered by Special Permit (SP) or Certificate of Registration (CR) shall be as follows:

P 5,000 - For each FA lost during the first reported loss of FA;

P10,000 - For each FA lost during the second reported loss of FA; and

P15,000 – and Permanent Disqualification From Possessing a Firearm For each FA lost during the third reported of FA.

SECTION. 2. All citizens of the Philippines who were issued licenses to possess firearm will be permanently disqualified from possessing firearm of any type and/or caliber after losing a registered firearm for the third time.