

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 315, November 09, 2000]

TRANSFERRING THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture ("DA") is tasked to carry out the centerpiece program of food security, which includes ensuring adequacy of food supply in the country;

WHEREAS, basic food sufficiency requires a comprehensive approach involving all sectors and aspects of the agriculture and fisheries sector;

WHEREAS, the work of the National Food Authority ("NFA"), as the agency tasked to assure the adequacy of food supply, properly and legally falls under the responsibility of the DA to bring about food security;

WHEREAS, to ensure that policies regarding adequate food supply closely coordinate with policies on food security, the NFA should be immediately transferred back to the DA;

WHEREAS, Section 31, Chapter 10, Title III, Book III of Executive Order No. 292, otherwise known as the Administrative Code of 1987, provides continuing authority to the President to reorganize the administrative structure of the Office of the President;

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, hereby direct and order, as follows:

SECTION 1. Dispositive Action. Executive Order No. 2 and any other executive issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby revoked, and the National Food Authority, together with its assets, equipment, properties and personnel are hereby transferred back to the Department of Agriculture.

SEC. 2. Authority of the Secretary of Agriculture. The Secretary of Agriculture is hereby designated as Chairman of the NFA, and is hereby authorized to reorganize, streamline, merge, deactivate or dispose assets of the NFA subject to existing laws.

SEC. 3. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 9th day of November, 2000.

(SGD.) JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA

By the President:

(SGD.) RONALDO B. ZAMORA