

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 826, August 28, 1982]

**PROVIDING MEASURES FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE
DESICCATED COCONUT INDUSTRY**

WHEREAS, it is the declared policy of the state to promote the rapid integrated development and growth of the coconut and other palm oil industry in all its aspects;

WHEREAS, there are certain enterprises in the industry, mainly the coconut desiccators, which are major end-users of fresh/matured coconuts converted into processed commodities that contribute a significant share in the export of coconut products;

WHEREAS, the export performance of these coconut-based commodities has tremendously declined due mainly to the unabated increase in production capacity resulting in cutthroat competition, over-production, underselling and smuggling of poor quality products thereby threatening the very existence of this labor-intensive industry and resulting in a dramatic decline of export receipts from this sector of the coconut industry;

WHEREAS, it is to the national interest that the government rationalize the desiccated coconut industry in order to insure its survival, growth and viability;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and laws, do hereby order the following:

Section 1. Prohibition. Except as herein provided, no government agency or instrumentality shall hereafter authorize, approve or grant any permit or license for the establishment or operation of new desiccated coconut processing plants, including the importation of machinery or equipment for the purpose. In the event of a need to establish a new plant, or expand the capacity, relocate or upgrade the efficiencies of any existing desiccated plant, the Philippine Coconut Authority may, upon proper determination of such need and evaluation of the condition relating to:

- a. the existing market demand;
- b. the production capacity prevailing in the country or locality;
- c. the level and flow of raw materials; and
- d. other circumstances which may effect the growth or viability of the industry concerned,

authorize or grant the application for, the establishment or expansion of capacity,