

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 665, March 17, 1981]

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT OF PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

WHEREAS, Portable fire extinguishing manufactured by firms not licensed by the Philippine Bureau of Standards proliferate in the market;

WHEREAS, this situation not only undermine the interest of the public, but also constitute unfair competition against those which are licensed by said Bureau to manufacture portable fire extinguishers locally or to import these appliances from foreign manufacturers who follow internationally recognized standards;

WHEREAS, one of the causes of the rapid development and consequent spread of fire is the use of sub-standard portable fire extinguishers which fail to extinguish the fire in its incipient stage;

WHEREAS, some locally manufactured fire extinguishers contain chemicals that are toxic or hazardous to health;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Bureau of Standards has issued Standards Administrative Order No. 375 and published its Implementing Rules and Regulations on December 11, 1980;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order that:

1. Procurement of portable fire extinguishers by all government agencies, government-owned or controlled corporations as well as provinces, cities, municipalities and barangays, shall be limited to those which fall under any of the following categories:

a. Portable fire extinguishers which are manufactured locally by firms licensed by the Philippine Bureau of Standards, Ministry of Trade and authorized to use the PBS mark on their products; or

b. Portable fire extinguishers which are original imports from foreign manufacturers which are listed and authorized to use proof marks of the standards organization of the country of manufacture, or which are manufactured in accordance with standards recognized and accepted by the Philippine Bureau of Standards.

2. All portable fire extinguishers to be procured shall be of the type not otherwise prohibited and shall bear the labels and markings required by Rule 37 of the Fire Code (PD 1185) and to the Rules and Regulations implement of SAO No. 375 issued by the Philippine Bureau of Standards.