

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 754, December 16, 1981]

**AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDERS NO. 183 CREATING THE
NATIONAL FOOD AND AGRICULTURE COUNCIL (NFAC), AS
AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 596**

WHEREAS, the National Food and Agriculture Council (NFAC) was created by virtue of Executive Order No. 183, dated May 6, 1969, vested with the sole authority and responsibility to coordinate, supervise and integrate all programs of all agencies of the national government concerning the production, stabilization, distribution, and marketing of rice, corn, and other prime food commodities;

WHEREAS, NFAC has proven to be an effective machinery for mobilizing the resources of the government and private sector towards achieving rice self-sufficiency and establishing coordination in food and agricultural development;

WHEREAS, in the light of the tight world food situation and increased oil prices, there is an urgent need for NFAC to intensify and expand and pursue other food and agricultural thrusts and strategies;

WHEREAS, there is a need to expand the scope, jurisdiction and authority of NFAC to further empower it to administer the expanded functions and activities and strengthen its coordinating capabilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, and pursuant to Executive Order No. 183, which is hereby amended, do hereby strengthen the NFAC.

SECTION 1 – The NFAC which shall be charged with coordinating, supervising, and integrating programs in food production shall have the following functions and powers:

- a. Define the goals and scope of the country's food policies, programs and plans on a continuing basis;
- b. Develop long and short range food development programs based on a multi-disciplinary, inter-agency, and systems approach for the various food commodities;
- c. Establish system of priorities for food production having linkages with the research, nutrition, marketing, processing, and financing sectors;
- d. Provide for a systematic program for the transfer of technology and the development of agricultural extension workers as charge agents;
- e. Provide a mechanism for assessment of progress and adjustments in the

implementation of food programs;

f. Provide for the appropriate incentives/grants to encourage its highly qualified employees to continue serving their respective areas of responsibilities;

g. Draw from and negotiate for funds, not otherwise specifically allocated in the National Budget, and all other possible fund sources, for the establishment of sufficient fund resources to support the food self-sufficiency programs;

h. Supervise, coordinate and evaluate the activities and accomplishments of all agencies of the government charged with the prosecution of the different aspects of the food self-sufficiency program. Accordingly, it shall coordinate the release of public funds in accordance with approved programs and projects in food;

i. It shall have the power and authority to call on any ministry, bureau, office, agency and other instrumentalities of the government for assistance in the form of personnel, facilities and other resources as the need arises, during the discharge of its functions;

j. It shall perform other functions as may be necessary to attain the objectives of the national food self-sufficiency program and shall discharge such other duties as the President may direct;

k. It shall have the authority to create National Management Committees that shall supervise, coordinate and manage national food programs.

SECTION 2 – The Council shall be composed of the following officials or duly-accredited representatives:

1. The Minister, Ministry of Agriculture-Chairman-Coordinator
2. The Minister, Ministry of Agrarian Reform
3. The Minister, Ministry of Local Government and Community Development
4. The Administrator, National Food Authority
5. The Minister, Ministry of the Budget
6. The Minister, Office of Media Affairs
7. The Minister, Ministry of Natural Resources
8. The Governor, Central Bank of the Philippines
9. The Chancellor, University of the Philippines at Los Baños
10. The Director-General, Philippine Council for Agriculture and Resources Research
11. The President, Philippine National Bank
12. The President, Land Bank of the Philippines