

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 580, February 16, 1980]

CREATING AN ALCOHOL COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the rising cost of motor fuel has affected and continuously affects the economy of the country;

WHEREAS, in order to cushion the adverse effect of high motor fuel cost on the economy, it is imperative that alternative sources of motor fuel be immediately developed;

WHEREAS, it is therefore necessary to provide for an effective agency that would formulate and carry out a national program for the production of alternative sources of motor fuel; and

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 1416, the President is empowered to undertake such organizational and related improvements as may be appropriated in the light of changing circumstances and new developments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, and pursuant to the authority vested in me by Presidential Decree No. 1416, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Creation of an Alcohol Commission. – There is hereby created an Alcohol Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission, under the Office of the President which shall be responsible for effecting the production, in the soonest possible time, of alcohol in adequate quantities for blending with gasoline for use as motor fuel.

SECTION 2. Powers and Functions of the Commission. – The Commission shall have the following functions:

1. Formulate and define the policies, plans and programs and the necessary guidelines for carrying out and implementing a national program for the production and distribution of alcohol for blending with gasoline as motor fuel;
2. Promote the production and distillation of alcohol from alternative sources such as sugar, cassava, and sorghum and the effective utilization of their by-products;
3. Promote and coordinate the conduct of research and development activities on alcohol production, its utilization as motor fuel; as well as various feedstock possibilities;
4. Determine and indicate the areas of responsibility of the various agencies involved in the program, including those not represented in the Commission;