

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 488, January 04, 1952]

**CREATING THE PHILIPPINE MARITIME COMMITTEE AND
DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS**

By virtue of the powers vested in me by law, I, Elpidio Quirino, President of the Philippines, do hereby create and constitute an interdepartmental committee, to be known as the Philippine Maritime Committee, composed of the following:

A representative of the Department of Commerce and Industry	Chairman
A representative of the Department of Foreign Affairs	Member
A representative of the Department of Finance	Member
A representative of the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources	Member
A representative of the Department of Justice	Member
A representative of the Office of Economic Coordination	Member
A representative of the Central Bank of the Philippines	Member

The powers and functions of the Committee shall be:

- (a) To serve as advisory body on maritime matters and allied activities;
- (b) To study and recommend the necessary legislation for the creation of the Philippine Maritime Commission;
- (c) To investigate and report on all understandings, conferences and other arrangements of and among ocean shipping lines trading in Philippine ports and/or carrying Philippine cargoes and to recommend appropriate steps for the effective enforcement of Philippine laws applicable thereto;
- (d) To investigate any and all discriminatory or excessive rates, charges, classifications and practices prejudicial to Philippine interests and/or the interest of local importers, exporters and shippers of cargoes originating from, or destined for, the Philippines and to recommend appropriate measures by which such discriminatory or excessive rates, charges, classifications and practices may be corrected;
- (e) To serve as liaison between the Government and any entity or organization that may be established by shippers or any other private parties for the purpose of carrying on the business either as carriers or shippers of merchandise in the domestic and foreign commerce of the Philippines;
- (f) To make surveys of the bottom requirements of the Philippine export trade and to make appropriate arrangements with shipping companies to cover any deficiency;
- (g) To assist Philippine producers and/or shippers in making arrangements for the