

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 382, December 15, 1941 ]**

**AUTHORIZING THE COMMANDEERING OF FOOD, FUEL,  
BUILDING MATERIALS, AND OTHER ARTICLES OR COMMODITIES  
OF PRIME NECESSITY, PROHIBITING AND PENALIZING THE  
HOARDING THEREOF, AND PROVIDING FOR A MORE EFFECTIVE  
ENFORCEMENT OF THE PROVISIONS OF ALL ANTI-  
PROFITEERING ORDERS**

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Philippines, I, Manuel L. Quezon, President of the Philippines, do hereby promulgate the following rules:

(1) The Emergency Control Administrator may, at any time, order the commandeering of all food, fuel, building materials, and other articles or commodities of prime necessity for the purpose of preventing, locally or generally, scarcity, hoarding and injurious speculation affecting the supply, distribution and movement of such articles or commodities. Any and all commodities so commandeered by the Emergency Control Administrator shall be by him turned over to the Food Administrator of the Civilian Emergency Administration who shall dispose of such commandeered commodities for distribution to the public through such cooperative organizations as may have been organized by the National Cooperatives Administration, or through the National Trading Corporation, the National Rice and Corn Corporation, the Fuel Administrator of the Civilian Emergency Administration, the Industrial Production Administration of the Civilian Emergency Administration, or through such other agencies or instrumentalities, official or otherwise, as in his judgment may effect such distribution to the best interests of the consuming public. The Emergency Control Administrator shall issue the necessary rules and orders for the purpose of effecting the payment of the goods so commandeered.

(2) Any person, firm, or corporation, who having in stock, either in his place of business or in his bodega or bodegas, commodities of prime necessity as listed and described in the schedules attached to Executive Order Numbered Three hundred and seventy-one, issued October 2, 1941, or in such other Executive Orders as may hereafter be issued, shall withdraw from selling, or shall refuse to sell to any legitimate purchaser any of such commodities as the maximum selling prices set forth in the schedules attached to Executive Order Numbered Three hundred and Seventy-one, issued on the second day of October, nineteen hundred and forty-one, or in any Executive Order amendatory thereto, or in any Special Permit or Emergency Order issued by the Emergency Control Administrator, or in any provincial emergency control order issued by a Provincial Committee of the Emergency Control Board, shall be deemed to be engaged in hoarding and speculation, which injuriously affects the supply, distribution and movement of the above-referred articles and commodities, and shall be punished as provided by