

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 309, April 20, 2004]

**PROVIDING FOR THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE
PHILIPPINE RICE POST PRODUCTION CONSORTIUM**

WHEREAS, the Government is committed to pursue agricultural modernization as a strategy for accelerating and sustaining economic development particularly in the countryside;

WHEREAS, in view of the importance of reducing post production losses, ten percent of the budget for the implementation of the Agriculture and Fishery Modernization Act of 1997 or AFMA (R.A. 8435) is allocated for post harvest concerns;

WHEREAS, under Section 79 of Presidential Decree No. 1177, dated July 30, 1977, as amended by Section 72, Book VI of Executive Order No. 292 or the (Administrative Code of 1987), the rates of travel allowances may be changed from time to time as may be determined by the Travel Rates Committee created therein;

WHEREAS, a Memorandum of Agreement executed on 2 July 1999, by and among the Bureau of Post harvest Research and Extension (BPRE), International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), National Food Authority (NFA), Philippine Rice Research Institute (PHILRICE) and the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB), established the Philippine Rice Post production Consortium, otherwise known as PRPC, formalizing the collaboration of consortium members in the area of post production research and extension to enhance the development of the rice post production industry in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the National Agricultural and Fishery Council (NAFC) was included as the sixth member of the consortium, per PRPC Resolution No. 2003-01 dated 24 July 2003;

WHEREAS, there is a need for a permanent collaboration among the PRPC member institutions under the Department of Agriculture for policy coordination and fiscal support to enhance the effectiveness and sustain the operations of the consortium in pursuit of the government's agricultural development goals and objectives;

WHEREAS, under the Administrative Code of 1987, the President has the continuing authority to reorganize the administrative structure of the Executive Branch of Government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. *Institutionalization.* The Philippine Rice Post production Consortium, also known as PRPC, is hereby institutionalized under the Department of Agriculture to be composed by NFA, PHILRICE, UPLB, BPRE, and NAFC.