

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 212, February 15, 2000]

MANDATING THE STREAMLINING OF THE PHILIPPINE CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION

WHEREAS, there is a need for the Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC) to strengthen its operation to enable the agency to effectively carry out its mandate to provide insurance protection to agricultural producers, particularly the small subsistence farmers, against loss of their crops and produce including their non-crop agricultural assets (machineries and equipment, transport facilities and other related infrastructures) due to natural calamities, pests and diseases and/or perils beyond their effective control;

WHEREAS , the above insurance protection is vital in stabilizing the income of agricultural producers as well as the supply of staple crops, such as rice and corn, thereby contributing to the present food security and poverty alleviation thrusts of the Government;

WHEREAS , Section 29, Chapter V, Book V of Executive Order No. 292 (The Administrative Code of 1987) authorizes an agency to reduce its staff whenever it becomes necessary because of lack of funds due to the change in the scope or nature of an agency's program or as result of reorganization;

WHEREAS , under Sections 77, 78 and 79 of Republic Act No. 8745 (General Appropriations Act for FY 1999), the President has been authorized to direct the reorganization of any department or agency of the government and/or the scaling down or phasing out of their activities, as may be necessary;

WHEREAS , as a consequence of financial constraints as well as to enable the agency to improve its service delivery, the streamlining plan of PCIC has been deemed urgent and necessary by its Management and Board of Directors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA , President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the streamlining of the PCIC, as follows:

SECTION 1. Objectives. The streamlining shall adhere to the following principles:

1. To review and improve its operations to enable the corporation to promote the development of the agricultural insurance industry, and making PCIC more viable in terms of economy, efficiency, and effectiveness thereby making the Corporation more responsive to the needs of its clientele, particularly the small subsistence farmers; and,
2. To attain optimum efficiency in the allocation of resources especially for priority programs, projects and services by minimizing organizational levels, reducing span of control, combining common functions, avoiding duplication of functions and maximizing resource utilization, but with minimum disruption to operations.