

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 301, March 29, 2004]

ESTABLISHING A GREEN PROCUREMENT PROGRAM FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS, OFFICES AND AGENCIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, the Government recognizes its lead role in protecting the environment and preserving the country's natural resources;

WHEREAS, the Government also recognizes, as a large consumer bloc in itself, that every product/service purchased has impact on the environment;

WHEREAS, Article 4 Section 27 of Republic Act 9003, otherwise known as "Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000" provides that DTI shall formulate and implement a coding system for packaging materials and products to facilitate waste recycling and reuse;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to establish an integrated program of green procurement that will bring about the recognition and rewarding of efforts of the industry sector in producing environmentally-sound products;

WHEREAS, a systematic and comprehensive national Ecolabelling Program is necessary to support a Green Procurement policy not only in all Government offices but with the general public as well.

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

SECTION 1. Establishment of a Green Procurement Program in all Government Agencies. All government department, offices and agencies are hereby ordered to establish their respective "Green Procurement Program". The purposes of this program are as follows:

- i. To promote the culture of making environmentally - informed decisions in government, especially in the purchase and use of different products.
- ii. To include environmental criteria in public tenders, whenever possible and practicable.
- iii. To establish the specifications and requirements for products of services to be considered environmentally advantageous.