

# [ GENERAL ORDER NO. 47, May 27, 1974 ]

## **REQUIRING ALL DOMESTIC CORPORATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS TO PROVIDE FOR THE RICE AND CORN REQUIREMENT OF THEIR EMPLOYEES.**

WHEREAS, a nationwide food production program is being conducted by the government to secure sufficient supply of rice, corn and other staple food products;

WHEREAS, the program requires the employment of all our economic resources;

WHEREAS, one such resources is the sector composed of corporations and partnerships that have demonstrated high profit-making operations and have accounted for a major portion of the national employment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution do hereby order that:

1. For a period of time to be recommended by the National Grains Authority, hereinafter referred to as the Authority, but in no case less than three years from the date of effectivity of this Decree, all domestic corporations and partnerships shall provide for the rice and corn requirements of their employees and the latters' immediate families in either of the following ways:
  - a. By engaging in the production of rice and/or corn as hereinafter provided, or
  - b. By importing such amounts of rice and/or corn to meet these requirements.
2. For the purposes of this Order, domestic corporations and partnerships shall refer to all corporations and partnerships organized and existing under Philippine laws, operating for profit, and with at least five hundred (500) employees, provided that said corporations and partnerships report earnings over the last four years that will allow them to engage in the production or importation of rice and/or corn for their employees' requirements without adversely affecting their financial viability.

The Authority shall issue such guidelines as will determine which corporations and partnerships are to be covered by this Order.

3. Those domestic corporations and partnerships with existing landholdings determined to be suitable for rice and/or corn production by the Authority, and who decide to engage in such production shall do so within a period of time to be determined by the Authority.

Those without landholdings who decide to engage in such production shall commence to do so at such time as the Authority shall determine, and for this purpose, all such corporations and partnerships shall lease public agricultural lands or idle private agricultural lands.

Those corporations and partnerships who decide to import rice and/or corn shall