

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 164

CREATING THE NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL RICE ACTION PROGRAM
TASK FORCES TO UNDERTAKE THE RICE ACTION PROGRAM OF THE
GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, it is the State's objective to attain self-sufficiency in rice at stable and equitable price levels for both farmers and consumers;

WHEREAS, the country's rice production has steadily increased in the past twenty years but has not kept pace with the rapid growth in population and the rise in the per capita consumption of rice;

WHEREAS, cognizant of all of these, the government has formulated a Rice Action Program that seeks to: (a) increase the 1990 production of rice by 3% to 3.5% over that of 1989; (b) stabilize the 1990 price of rice at levels equitable to both consumers and producers; and (c) initiate continuing action to promote rice productivity and price stability over the long term;

WHEREAS, the success of this program necessitates the concerted efforts of the entire government machinery, the rice farmers, and the rest of the private sector at the provincial and national levels;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Creation of National Rice Action Program Task Force. - There is hereby created a National Rice Action Program Task Force composed of the following:

The Secretary of Agriculture ----- Chairman
The Presidential Coordinating
Assistant for Agro-Industrial,
Economic and Financial
Affairs ----- Co-Chairman
The Secretary of Finance ----- Member

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The Secretary of Public Works
and Highways ----- Member

The Secretary of Trade and
Industry ----- Member

The Secretary of Agrarian
Reform ----- Member

The Secretary of Local Government ----- Member

The Secretary of Budget and
Management ----- Member

The Secretary of Science and
Technology ----- Member

The Administrator of the National
Food Authority ----- Member

The Administrator of the National
Irrigation Administration ----- Member

The President of the Land Bank
of the Philippines ----- Member

The Farmers' Representative ----- Member

The Chairman, Sectoral Committee
on Food Crops National
Agricultural and Fishery
Council ----- Member

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The members of the National Rice Action Program Task Force shall serve in their respective capacities at the pleasure of the President.

SEC. 2. Functions and Responsibilities of the National Rice Action Program Task Force. - The National Rice Action Program Task Force shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

1. Coordinate and oversee the implementation of the Rice Action Program of the Government;
2. Provide the framework for the implementation of the Program and ensure that the Program's goals are attained;

3. Supervise and monitor the implementation of the Program;
4. Ensure that the necessary financial and other resources for program implementation are available when and where they are needed, particularly in the supervision of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) in the sourcing, transfer and release of funds to participating agencies;
5. Submit monthly reports to the Office of the President on the implementation of the Program;
6. Select and appoint the farmers' representative to the National Rice Action Program Task Force; and,
7. Fulfill all other functions as may be necessary for the attainment of the goals of the Program.

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SEC. 3. Creation of Provincial Rice Action Program Task Force. - There is hereby created a Provincial Rice Action Program Task Force in the twenty-seven (27) priority provinces of the Rice Action Program of the Government, namely: Pangasinan, Cagayan, Isabela, Nueva Ecija, Pampanga, Tarlac, Bulacan, Laguna, Occidental Mindoro, Oriental Mindoro, Quezon, Camarines Sur, Albay, Sorsogon, Negros Occidental, Iloilo, Capiz, Bohol, Leyte, Zamboanga del Sur, Bukidnon, South Cotabato, Davao del Sur, Davao del Norte, North Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat and Maguindanao.

The Provincial Rice Action Task Force shall be composed of the following:

- The Governor ----- Chairman
- The Provincial Agricultural Officer, Department of Agriculture ----- Co-Chairman
- The District Engineers, Department of Public Works and Highways ----- Member
- The Provincial Director, Department of Trade and Industry ----- Member
- The Provincial Agrarian Reform Officer, Department of Agrarian Reform ----- Member

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The Provincial Irrigation
Engineer, National
Irrigation Administration - Member

The Provincial Manager,
National Food Authority --- Member

The Manager, Land Bank of
the Philippines ----- Member

The Chairman, Provincial
Agricultural and Fishery
Council ----- Member

The Representative, Farmers'
Group ----- Member

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SEC. 4. Functions and Responsibilities of the Provincial Rice Action Program Task Force. - The Provincial Rice Action Program Task Force shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

1. Prepare the Operations Plan for the implementation of the program in their respective provinces and submit the same to the National Rice Action Program Task Force within fifteen (15) days after the issuance of this Administrative Order;
2. Upon the approval of such details by the National Rice Action Program Task Force, implement the program in their respective provinces;
3. Submit monthly reports on the progress of the Program to the National Rice Action Program Task Force;
4. Select and appoint the farmers' representative to the Provincial Rice Action Program Task Force; and
5. Fulfill all other functions necessary for the attainment of the goals of the Program.

SEC. 5. Secretariat Services. - The National Agricultural and Fishery Council (NAFC) shall serve as the Secretariat of the National Rice Action Program Task Force. The Office of the Provincial Agricultural Officer of the Department of Agriculture shall serve as the secretariat of the Provincial Rice Action Program Task Force.

SEC. 6. Funding - Funds as may be necessary for the operational requirements of the National and Provincial Rice Action Program Task Forces shall be sourced from any available appropriation as may be determined by the Department of Budget and Management in accordance with existing laws.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 3rd day of May in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

Corazon S. Aquino

By the President:

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Executive Secretary