

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 242

**AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 133, SERIES OF 1987
ENTITLED “REORGANIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND
INDUSTRY
ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”**

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 133 entitled “Reorganizing the Department of Trade and Industry, Its Attached Agencies and for Other Purposes”, was approved on 27 February 1987 pursuant to Section 16, Article XVIII of the 1987 Constitution;

WHEREAS, there are provisions in the said Executive Order which have to be clarified and revised to ensure the effective and efficient implementation of the provisions thereof, including provisions pertaining to the reorganization of the said Department;

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

Section 1. Section 9, paragraph (b), referring to the “National Service Centers”, is hereby deleted. Accordingly Section 9, paragraph (c) is hereby re-lettered as paragraph (b).

Section 2. Section 11, paragraph (k) of Executive Order No 133 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(k) The National Industrial Manpower Training Council shall act as the umbrella agency to coordinate the Cottage Industry Technology Center, the Construction Manpower Development Foundation, and the Construction Manpower Development Center and perform other functions such as initiating specialized industrial training centers and identifying supply-demand factors and industrial skills subject to the direction formulated by the National Manpower and Youth Council.”

Section 3. Section 12 of Executive Order No. 133 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 12. Office of the Undersecretary for Domestic Trade. The Office of the Undersecretary for Domestic Trade shall include all the staff bureaus and services involved in policy formulation, standards development, programs development, and program monitoring of the development, regulatory, and service delivery programs pertinent to domestic trade and commerce being implemented by the Department’s line operating units. The Undersecretary for Domestic Trade shall supervise the following:

Bureau of Trade Regulation and Consumer Protection. This Bureau shall formulate and monitor the implementation of programs for the effective enforcement of laws, correct interpretation and adoption of policies on monopolies and restraint of trade, mislabelling, product misrepresentation and other unfair trade practices; monitor the registration of business names and the licensing and accreditation of establishments and practitioners; protect and safeguard the interest of consumers and the public, particularly the health and safety implications of intrinsic product features, product representation, and the like; and establish the basis for evaluating consumer complaints and product utility failures.

Bureau of Domestic Trade Promotion. This Bureau shall prepare and monitor the implementation of plans and programs directed at the promotion and development of domestic trade, particularly in the area of efficiency, fairness and balance in the distribution of essential products and services and in the strengthening of the domestic base for export activities; conceptualize, monitor, and evaluate programs, plans and projects intended to create awareness of domestic marketing opportunities for new projects, new technologies and investments.

Bureau of Patents, Trademarks, and Technology Transfer. This Bureau shall examine applications for grant of letters, patent for inventions, utility models and industrial designs, and the subsequent grant or refusal of the same; register trademarks, tradenames, service marks and other marks of ownership; hear and adjudicate contested proceedings affecting rights to patents and trademarks; receive, process for registration and evaluate technology transfer arrangements as to their appropriateness and need for the technology or industrial property rights, reasonableness of the technology payment, and for the prohibition of restrictive business clauses; and comply with all its statutory publication requirements by publishing the same in a newspaper of general circulation, or in the Official

Gazette: Provided, That such publication in the official publication of the Bureau shall be constructive notice of said statutory publication requirements published therein.

(d) Bureau of Product Standards. This Bureau shall review the products contained in the critical imports list in accordance with established national standards or relevant international standards and buyer-seller specifications; promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the country's shift to the international system of units; study and/or research on the various reference materials to be used as basis for the start of whatever analysis or evaluation is demanded by the products under examination or investigation; establish standards for all products of the Philippines for which no standards have as yet been fixed by law, executive order, rules and regulations and which products are not covered by the standardization activities of other government agencies; participate actively in international activities on standardization, quality control and metrology, ensure the manufacture, production and distribution of quality products for the protection of consumers; test and/or analyze standardized and unstandardized products for purposes of product standard formulation and certification; extend technical assistance to producers to improve the quality of their products; check length, mass and volume measuring instruments; and maintain consultative liaison with the International Organization for Standardization, Pacific Area Standards Congress and other international standards organizations.”

Section 4. Section 18, paragraph (v) is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(v) The Center for International Trade Expositions and Missions, Inc. is hereby merged with the Philippine Trade Exhibition Center. The latter shall be the surviving entity and is hereby renamed “Center for International Trade Expositions and Missions.”

Section 5. All provisions of Executive Order No. 133 regarding the transfer of the Videogram Regulatory Board to the Department from the Office of the President, are hereby repealed.

Section 6. All laws, rules, and regulations, and other similar issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 7. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon approval.

DONE in the City of Manila, Philippines, this 24th day of July, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven.

(Sgd.) CORAZON C. AQUINO

By the President:

(Sgd.) JOKER P. ARROYO

Executive Secretary