

[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1770, January 14, 1981]

RECONSTITUTING THE NATIONAL GRAINS AUTHORITY TO THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY, BROADENING ITS FUNCTIONS AND POWERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, it is imperative to strengthen national strategy for the integrated growth and development of the food industry to insure adequate and continuous supply at reasonable prices;

WHEREAS, the functions and powers of the National Grains Authority, created under P.D. No. 4 as amended by P.D. No. 699 and 1485, are limited to the grains industry;

WHEREAS, integrated growth and development of the entire food industry requires the expansion of the functions and powers of the National Grains Authority to cover other basic food commodities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the constitution, do hereby Order and Decree:

SECTION 1. Short Title. This Decree shall be known as National Food authority Act.

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* — It shall be the declared policy of the State to promote the integrated growth and development of the food industry so it can adequately function as an institution conscious of its social responsibilities, capable of maintaining an adequate and continuous food supply and of contributing its proper share to the economy.

SEC. 3. *National Food Authority.* — The National Grains Authority is hereby transferred into the National Food Authority which shall be a government corporation attached to the Office of the President.

SEC. 4. *Scope.* — is used in this Decree, the term "Food Industry" shall include, in addition to those enumerated in Section 2 of Presidential Decree No. 4, as amended, raw/fresh and/or manufactured/processed/packaged food products.

SEC. 5. *Applicability of Presidential Decree No. 4 as amended by Presidential Decree Nos. 699 and 1485.* — Except as Otherwise herein *provided*, the provisions of Presidential Decree No. 4, as amended by Presidential Decree Nos. 699 and 1485, shall govern the National Food Authority and shall be applicable to other food commodities mentioned in the immediately preceding paragraph as the National Food Authority Council may determine from time to time.

SEC. 6. *Composition of the National Food Authority Council.* — The Council shall be composed of the following:

- The Minister of Human Settlements
- The Administrator, National Food Authority
- The Minister of Agriculture
- The Minister of Finance
- The Minister of Industry
- The Minister of Trade

The Governor, Central Bank of the Philippines
The Chairman, Development Bank of the Philippines
The President, Philippine National Bank
The President, Land Bank of the Philippines
A Representative of the Office of the President

The Chairman shall be the Minister of Human settlements and the Vice-Chairman shall be the administrator of the National Food Authority. The administrator of the National Food Authority shall be appointed by the President of the Republic of the Philippines.

The Council shall meet regularly at least once a month on any date to be determined by the Chairman *Provided*: That the Chairman may convene special meetings to discuss urgent matters. The Council Members shall be entitled to per diem of not less than EIGHT HUNDRED PESOS (P800.00) for each meeting actually attended by them and such other remuneration as may be determined by the Council.

The Management of the Authority shall be vested in an administrator who shall have the rank of a Minister and shall be assisted by two (2) Deputy Administrators and as many Assistant Administrators as may be determined by the Council and whose respective qualifications shall be the same as those provided for in the said Decree.

The Administrator shall receive a compensation, to be determined by the Council in accordance with the provisions of pertinent compensation law.

SEC. 7. *Additional Powers, Functions and Exemptions.* — In addition to the powers, functions and exemptions of the authority under P.D. No. 4, as amended, the Authority shall have the following powers, functions and exemptions:

- a. To acquire ownership of, by purchase or otherwise, and/or to invest in, hold, sell or otherwise dispose of, stocks or bonds or any interest in either, or any obligation or evidence of indebtedness; of any corporation, public or private, domestic or foreign, or the bonds or other obligations or evidence of indebtedness of any corporation.
- b. To register, license and supervise persons, natural or juridical, who shall engage or are engaging in the wholesale, retail, processing, manufacturing, storage, transporting, packaging, importation, exportation of food products/commodities and such other related to food activities and to prescribe, impose and collect fees, charges and/or surcharges, with the approval of the President of the Philippines upon recommendation of the Council.
- c. To import/export or cause the importation/ exportation of food products/commodities and/or raw materials, equipment and facilities needed in the manufacture/processing of food commodities as may be determined by the Council, and as approved by the President of the Philippines.
- d. To establish or cause the establishment of branches or agencies, domestic or foreign, whenever deemed necessary by the Council.
- e. To engage in the production, manufacturing, processing and/or packaging of food products/commodities as may be necessary to effectively carry out its functions and as approved by the President of the Philippines.
- f. To establish and or re-structure its own internal organization and to fix the remunerations, emoluments, allowances and other fringe benefits of its officers