

# [ PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 748, July 16, 1975 ]

## **AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 187 TO EXTEND THE DATE FOR THE USE OF THE METRIC SYSTEM AS THE SOLE STANDARD OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, Presidential Decree No. 187 prescribed the metric system as the sole standard of weights and measures to be used throughout the Philippines starting January 1, 1975 for all products, commodities, materials, utilities, services and in all business and legal transactions;

**WHEREAS**, while metric conversion is already being done in areas where it is readily feasible, many industrial, agricultural, trade, educational and other economic, social and cultural sectors require more time to adjust their machinery, equipment, inventories, supplies, products, operational, administrative and marketing systems;

**WHEREAS**, metrication involves not merely conversion from the English and other systems of weights and measures to the metric system but also standardization in metric packaging patterns for better consumer protection and facility in manufacturing and international and domestic trading;

**WHEREAS**, it is desirable to effect such reforms in our way of life in an expeditious but orderly and inexpensive manner;

**WHEREAS**, there is need to extend the operations of the Metric System Board and to provide adequate administrative, financial and other support for country-wide metrication;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by the Constitution, do hereby decree and order the following amendments to Presidential Decree No. 187:

**SECTION 1.** Section two of Presidential Decree No. 187 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**"SEC. 2. *Creation of Metric System Board.***—In order to effect the orderly change from the English and other systems of weights and measures to the metric system, a Metric System Board, hereinafter referred to as Board, is hereby created, which shall be composed of the Secretary of Trade as Chairman, and the Secretary of Agriculture, Secretary of Natural Resources, Secretary of Finance, Secretary of Public Works, Transportation and Communications, Secretary of Education and Culture, Secretary of Justice, Secretary of Industry, Secretary of Health, Secretary of Local Government and Community Development, Secretary of Public Highways, Secretary of National Defense, Secretary of Public Information, Director General of the National Economic and Development Authority, and the Chairman of the National Science Development Board as members. The department undersecretaries, and the board vice-chairman concerned shall serve as alternates; *Provided, however*, that a member may designate another official to represent him on the Board and serve as Chief Staff Metrication Officer of the department or office