

[**PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 599, December 04, 1974**]

AMENDING THE APPROVED STAFFING PATTERN OF THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS BY CREATING NEW DIVISIONS/UNITS THEREIN, INCLUDING THE INCREASE OF POSITIONS IN THE OPERATION AND ENFORCEMENT, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE NATIONAL POLICE GROUPS.

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 1 dated September 24, 1972, the Integrated Reorganization Plan was adopted and made part of the law of the land; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to create new divisions/units in the Bureau of Customs such as the economic intelligence and research division; increase the number of positions in the communications, export coordination, port operations coordination, customs laboratory and customs police groups in order to effectively carry out the desired objectives of reorganization as envisioned in the Integrated Reorganization Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution as Commander-in-Chief of all the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and pursuant to Proclamation No. 1081 dated September 21, 1972, and General Order No. 1 dated September 22, 1972, in order to effect the desired changes and reforms in the Bureau of Customs, do hereby order and decree the following:

SECTION 1. An Economic Intelligence and Research Division is hereby created under the Operation and Enforcement Service which shall handle matters pertaining to economic intelligence and research, the specialized staff study of the actual application of the tariff and commodity classifications, the international commitments and agreements involving Customs operations and the impact of various incentives and concessions given to industries. It shall have the following sections: National Tariff and Customs Research Section and International Tariff and Trade Research Section.

SEC. 2. A Port Operations Coordination Division is hereby created under the Operation and Enforcement Service which shall serve as the central evaluation and coordinating unit on ports, arrastre, pilotage, cargo, disposal, storage and bonded warehousing operations. It shall have the following sections: Port Operations Section and Bonded Warehousing and Cargo Disposal Section.

SEC. 3. A Central Radio Communication Division is hereby created under the Administrative Service which shall take charge of all types of radio communications between the central office and field offices including those involving ship to shore and ship to ship facilities.

SEC. 4. A Customs Laboratory Division is hereby created under the Operation and Enforcement Service to render laboratory examination and analysis of samples of imported commodities to establish proper classification.

SEC. 5. The Cash Section and Liquidation Section of the Assessment Branch of the Port of Manila are hereby made into divisions to be known as cash Division and