

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5136, June 17, 1967 ]**

**AN ACT GRANTING JOAQUIN REGIS TAN A FRANCHISE TO  
CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE AN ICE PLANT AND COLD  
STORAGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ABUYOG, PROVINCE OF  
LEYTE.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in  
Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. Subject to the terms and conditions established in this Act and in Commonwealth Act Numbered One hundred forty-six, as- amended, and to the provisions of the Constitution, there is granted to Joaquin Regis Tan for a period of twenty-five years from the approval of this Act, the right, privilege and authority to construct, maintain and operate an ice plant and cold storage in the Municipality of Abuyog, Province of Leyte, for the purpose of manufacturing ice for distribution and sale, and for supplying cold storage in the said municipality and to charge and collect a schedule of prices and rates therefor which schedule shall at all times be subject to regulation by the Public Service Commission or its legal successors.

SEC. 2. The grantee shall manufacture and supply ice up to the limit of the capacity of his plant, said limit to be determined by the Public Service Commission.

SEC. 3. All the apparatus and appurtenances to be used by the grantee shall be modern, safe and first class in every respect, and the grantee shall, whenever the Public Service Commission shall determine that public interest reasonably requires it, change or alter any of his apparatus and appurtenances at grantee's expense.

SEC. 4 If the grantee shall not commence the construction of the ice plant and cold storage within one year from the approval of this Act, unless prevented by an act of God or force majeure, martial law, riot, civil commotion, usurpation by a military power or any other cause beyond the grantee's control, this franchise shall become null and void.

SEC. 5. This franchise is granted with the understanding and upon the condition that it shall be subject to amendment, alteration or repeal by the Congress of the Philippines when the public interest so requires.

SEC. 6. The books, records and accounts of the grantee shall always be open to inspection of the Auditor General or his authorized representatives, and it shall be the duty of the grantee to submit to the Auditor General quarterly reports in duplicate showing the gross receipts for the quarter past.

SEC. 7. In the event of any competing person, natural or juridical, receiving from the Congress of the Philippines a similar franchise in which there shall be any term or terms more favorable than those herein granted or tending to place the herein