

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 123, July 04, 2005]

**AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TO PERFORM ALL
POWERS AND FUNCTIONS NECESSARY TO CONNECT THE
COUNTRY THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
NETWORKS SUCH AS THE ROLL-ON/ROLL-OFF SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the development of the Roll-On/Roll-Off System will provide the linkages among the islands of the country enhancing to promote trade, tourism and reduce transport;

WHEREAS, Executive Order Nos. 170 and 170-A were issued to encourage private sector participation in the Roll-On/Roll-Off Terminal System (RRTS) by providing streamlined processing of permits, financing and incentives;

WHEREAS, the Strong Republic Nautical Highway (SRNH) was established to demonstrate the viability of the RO-RO System by providing an alternative route linking Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao in the Western Seaboard;

WHEREAS, the Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan (MTPDP) for 2005-2010 provides for the prioritization and development of the RO-RO System through the establishment of the Nautical Highway System composed of the Western, Eastern and Central Nautical Highway System;

WHEREAS, there is a need to effectively and carefully plan, manage, direct, coordinate and monitor the efforts of the national government agencies, local government units, financial institutions and the private sector for the continued and integrated implementation of the RO-RO System in the country; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Communications including its attached agencies, is primarily responsible for inter-modal transport policy and planning, port and shipping development and regulation, maritime security and safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section. 1. Lead Agency for the Implementation of the RO-RO-System. The Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) shall serve as the lead agency in the implementation of the RO-RO System in the country, including but not limited to the RRTS, SRNH AND Nautical Highway System. It shall primarily carry out the planning, coordination, implementation and monitoring of all RO-RO System projects to ensure the effective and integrated development of the RO-RO System in the country.