

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 97, March 24, 2004]

AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY PAY (OSP) TO AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS

WHEREAS, Air Traffic Controllers provide air traffic control services to the flying public in order to maintain safe, expeditious and orderly flow of air traffic;

WHEREAS, lives and properties are at stake and must be protected through the conduct of alert and efficient air traffic control services;

WHEREAS, Air Traffic Controllers play an important role in the aviation industry which contributes largely in the economic development of the nation;

WHEREAS, Air Traffic Control is a vital component in the preservation of Philippine sovereignty and the implementation of our National Security Policies;

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide solutions to the Air Traffic Controllers' pursuit for just compensation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, in recognition of the unique duties and responsibilities of the Air Traffic Control profession, do hereby order and direct:

<blockquote>SEC. 1. The following positions shall be entitled to a monthly Occupational Specialty Pay (OSP) at two thousand pesos (P2,000.00) each: Position Title Air Traffic Controller I Air Traffic Controller II Senior Air Traffic Controller Supervising Air Traffic Controller Assistant Chief Air Traffic Controller Chief Air Traffic Controller Air Traffic Services Supervisor Director I, Air Traffic Service Director II, Air Traffic Service

SEC. 2. The Technical Incentive Allowance (TIA) being received by the Air Traffic Controllers is integrated into the OSP. Henceforth, no separate payment shall be made for the TIA for the Air Traffic Controllers.

SEC. 3. The OSP shall be charged against savings of the Air Transportation Office. In case of deficiency, the balance shall be charged against savings of the whole Department of Transportation and Communications. Any remaining deficiency shall be charged against the Miscellaneous Personnel Benefits Fund.

SEC. 4. This Administrative Order shall take effect March 1, 2004. **<blockquote>**

DONE in the City of Manila, this 24th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and four.