

[**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 118, May 05, 2000**]

CREATING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY AND DETERMINE THE SETTLEMENT OF THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO SGS

WHEREAS, the agreement for a Comprehensive Import Supervision Scheme ("CIIS") entered into on August 23, 1991 between the National Government ("NG") and Societe Generale de Surveillance S.A. ('SGS'), as amended by the First Addendum of December 1994, the Second Addendum of January 24, 1998 and the letter-agreement of December 22, 1999, terminated on March 31, 2000;

WHEREAS, the NG has outstanding accounts payable to SGS for services rendered under the above CIIS Agreement;

WHEREAS, there is a need to review and determine ways and means to settle and dispose of the obligations of the NG with SGS;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. Organization – A Task Force is hereby constituted to address all issues regarding the settlement of the accounts payable of the NG to SGS.

Section 2. Composition – The Task Force shall be composed of the following or their designated representatives:

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| • Secretary, Department of Finance | Chairman |
| • Secretary, Department of Budget and Management | Member |
| • Secretary, Department of Trade and Industry | Member |
| • Commissioner, Bureau of Customs | Member |

The Chairman, or a designated representative, of the Commission on Audit shall be invited by the Task Force to comment on the findings and recommendations of the Task Force.

Section 3. Authority and Functions – The Task Force shall have the following authority and functions:

- 3.1 Review, validate and determine the outstanding obligations of the NG to SGS;
- 3.2 Formulate the appropriate ways and means to settle and