

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 170, January 22, 2003 ]**

**PROMOTING PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION AND INVESTMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF THE ROAD ROLL-ON/ROLL-OFF TERMINAL SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Government to reduce the cost of inter-island transportation through the establishment of an efficient and cost-effective Road Roll-on/Roll-off Terminal System (RRTS);

WHEREAS, the RRTS is a vital component of the Government's agri-fisheries modernization and food security programs the objectives of which are to raise the income of farmers and fisherfolk;

WHEREAS, the RRTS will also serve to enhance tourism, transportation and commerce throughout the country;

WHEREAS, there is a need to encourage the participation of the private sector in the establishment, construction and operation of RRTS facilities;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Ports Authority, the Cebu Ports Authority and the Maritime Industry Authority are the proper Government agencies mandated to reduce transport costs and improve the quality and efficiency of transport from the countryside to the urban markets;

WHEREAS, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources is responsible for the issuance of Environmental Compliance Certificates;

WHEREAS, the RRTS is a component of the Sustainable Logistics Development Program of the Development Bank of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish a new policy that will promote the development of the RRTS.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, upon the recommendation of the Department of Transportation and Communications and the Development Bank of the Philippines and by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. *Definition of Terms.* — As used in this Executive Order:

a. *Roll-on/Roll-off or Ro-Ro Operations* shall refer to the method of loading and discharging of self-powered vehicles, such as cars, and trucks, on their own wheels by their owners or drivers between vessel and shore via a ramp;

b. *Ro-Ro vessel* shall refer to a ship type or design duly approved for Ro-Ro operations;