

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 331, August 10, 1971]

CREATING THE PHILIPPINE VIRGINIA TOBACCO BOARD

WHEREAS, the preservation, promotion and enhancement of the Philippine Virginia tobacco industry in all its varied aspects and phases, as a declared national policy require a vigorous, concerted and integrated planning and programming and a coordinated implementation of projects on the part of government agencies and the private sector that have certain functions and obligations relating to the Philippine Virginia tobacco industry;

WHEREAS, the successful accomplishment of this vital concern urgently requires additional funds other than those derived from public revenues for carrying out the purposes herein stated;

WHEREAS, responsible civic-spirited and patriotic elements of the country have manifested their readiness to cooperate in this undertaking and have made financial commitments; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that an effective organization be provided to receive and administer such donations and contributions and to carry out the purposes herein-stated for the enduring benefit of the millions of tobacco farmers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create the Philippine Virginia Tobacco Board, hereinafter referred to as the "Board", to be composed of:

The Chairman/General Manager of the Philippine Virginia Tobacco Administration	Chairman
The Commissioner of the Agricultural Productivity Commission	Member
The Administrator of the Agricultural Credit Administration	Member
The Commissioner of the Bureau of Internal Revenue	Member
The Director of the Bureau of Plant Industry	Member
The Director of the Bureau of Soils	Member
A representative elected or designated by the cigarette manufacturers who have a contract with the PVTA to operate trading centers	Member
A representative of tobacco redriers and exporters who have	Member

contracts with the PVTA to operate trading centers

An official from the PVTA, to be designated by the Chairman with the concurrence of the Board
The Corporate Treasurer of the PVTA

Executive Secretary

Ex-officio Treasurer of the Board

The purposes and objectives of the Board are:

1. To serve as an institutional link between the government and private sectors involved in the Philippine Virginia tobacco industry;
2. To serve as a planning and programming unit for the development and promotion of the Philippine Virginia tobacco industry, particularly in the areas of research, extension work and marketing;
3. To study and recommend systems or standards of classification and grading of flue-cured tobacco and proper handling and packaging in order to make the Philippine Virginia Tobacco acceptable in the domestic and foreign markets;
4. To formulate and recommend consistent tobacco research policies and comprehensive scientific and technological programs for implementation by the government and private sectors in regions where its application is feasible or profitable to Virginia tobacco farmers;
5. To promote coordination and cooperation in tobacco research and extension work in order to minimize duplication of efforts;
6. To encourage and facilitate the active participation of domestic and foreign sectors in furnishing financial, technological and other forms assistance and for the exchange of information among local and foreign institutions, researchers and workers;
7. To review and analyze flue-cured tobacco research projects, schedules of activities, programs and project proposals, and to recommend such measures as may be necessary to accomplish the objectives and policies involved in these activities; and
8. To advise the President of the Philippines on Philippine Virginia tobacco matters.

To carry out the purposes and objectives mentioned hereinabove, the Board shall have the power and is authorized:

1. To accept and receive from public and private sectors specific proposals, scientific and/technological research and development programs or plans and financial, technical and other support for the purpose of developing and promoting the Philippine Virginia tobacco industry;