

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 332, August 10, 1971]

CREATING THE PESTICIDES CONTROL AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, in view of increased awareness to environmental contamination of all kinds, including pesticides, the government has seen fit to pursue a program to combat pollution in whatever form to safeguard public health and safety;

WHEREAS, it is incumbent on the government to direct its attention towards a more efficient and safer formulations and application of pesticides to offset the growing problem of food and environmental contamination;

WHEREAS, the agricultural usage of pesticides is a major factor in the mounting public concern regarding environmental contamination and its possible significance to human life, plant life and animal life;

WHEREAS, agricultural pesticides vary widely in the degree of possible hazard to users and consumers of treated crops and to farm animals, wild life and to the public;

WHEREAS, Act No. 3091 enacted in 1923 is the only existing law and merely covers the mis-branding and adulteration of insecticides, fungicides and herbicides;

WHEREAS, no specific government instrumentality is charged with the responsibility of monitoring the use of agricultural pesticides commercially manufactured, sold and distributed in the country;

WHEREAS, in the absence of an updated law on pesticides, there is an urgent need to set up an administrative machinery that will not only institute measures to improve agricultural production, public health and environmental quality through the wise use of pesticides but also provide adequate safeguards against its harmful effects on the environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create the Pesticides Control and Research Committee under the Office of the President composed of the following:

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| 1. The Chairman, National Science Development Board | Chairman |
| 2. The Undersecretary for Agriculture | Vice-Chairman |
| 3. The Director, Bureau on Plant Industry | Member |
| 4. The Director, Bureau of Animal Industry | Member |