

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 184, November 19, 1948]

DECLARING A RICE EMERGENCY, PROVIDING FOR GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF THE PURCHASE OR ACQUISITION OF RICE OR PALAY AT A FIXED PRICE; CREATING A RICE EMERGENCY BOARD TO ADVISE THE PRESIDENT IN MEETING THE EMERGENCY, AND FIXING THE DUTIES THEREOF.

By virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and in accordance with the Emergency Powers Law, I, Elpidio Quirino, President of the Philippines, do hereby declare a rice emergency in the Philippines on account of the shortage of said cereal in 1948-1949. To cope with the emergency, and as a relief measure for the purpose, of easing the difficulties of the rice-consuming public in meeting their consumption needs, all palay or rice produced from the 1948-1949 crop shall be sold to or acquired by the Government from farmers, associations of farmers, or any other persons or entities engaged in the production thereof on the basis of ₱14 per cavan of palay (44 kilos, Macan, second class) delivered Manila: Provided, That any agency designated by the Government to purchase or distribute palay or rice shall not be precluded from licensing any warehouse, mill, "kiskisan," and any other facilities operated by the owner to engage in the buying of palay at the price fixed by the Government and in the milling of palay under such terms and conditions as may be deemed equitable and fair, or as agreed upon between the said agency and the owners, or from granting permits to bona fide rice dealers to engage in the purchase and sale of palay and rice at the prices fixed by the Government and under such rules and regulations as may be issued by the President upon the recommendation of the Rice Emergency Board hereby created.

1. Within ten days after the issuance of this Order, any person, corporation, association, partnership, firm or, any other entity, which, at the time of the promulgation of this Order, has cleaned rice already in stock for sale to consumers, or has a valid contract for the purchase or acquisition in any other manner of palay and/or cleaned rice to be harvested or produced from the 1948-1949 crop, shall file with such agency of the Government as the President may designate a statement under oath setting forth the quantity of said cleaned rice, and/or the terms and conditions of said contract, particularly as to quantity and price, and said agency shall have the right, in its discretion, to take over said contract or to permit the parties to continue with the same, subject in either case to the provisions of this Order and to such terms and conditions as it may deem necessary in the public interest.
2. For the purpose of advising the President in carrying out the policy of the Government in stabilizing the rice industry, and insuring a sufficient rice supply, a Rice Emergency Board is hereby created to