

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 18, February 17, 1936 ]**

**CREATING A RICE COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
STUDYING AND MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS ON WAYS AND  
MEANS TO SOLVE THE PRESENT RICE CRISIS AND TO INSURE A  
PERMANENT SUPPLY OF RICE AT REASONABLE PRICES.**

WHEREAS, during the last special session of the national Assembly the President in a special message proposed to that Body the enactment of legislation looking to the solution of problems affecting the rice industry, with particular reference to the impending rice shortage for the current year;

WHEREAS, the National Assembly for lack of time failed to enact the necessary legislation;

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Agriculture and Commerce has certified that the rice shortage this year is such that immediate action is necessary;

WHEREAS, the production and proper distribution of rice is one of the most important problems of this government; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide adequate means for a steady and sufficient supply of this commodity at prices reasonable to consumer, producer, and trader and thereby afford relief to hard pressed small farmers and *kasamas*, and the large body of consumers;

Now, therefore, I, Manuel L. Quezon, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by law, hereby constitute and create a Rice Commission to consist of the following:

Honorable Manuel Roxas, member, National Assembly, Chairman; Hon. Felipe Buencamino, member, National Assembly, member; the Director of Commerce, member; Hon. Vicente Singson Encarnacion, member; and Dr. Nicanor Jacinto, member; whose duty shall be to make a careful investigation and study of the rice problem and recommend measures for immediate relief, including the proper distribution of rice throughout the Philippines at reasonable prices. This Commission shall study further ways and means to insure at all times a steady and sufficient supply of this commodity so as to prevent the recurrence of a rice shortage, and shall make a report of its findings and recommendations to the President of the Philippines at the earliest practicable date.

The Commission is hereby authorized to requisition the services of employees of any department, bureau, or office of the Government which it may consider necessary to accomplish the requirements of this Order.

Done at the City of Manila, this seventeenth day of February, in the year of Our