

[MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 84, August 03, 2015]

CREATING A TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP TO STUDY AND REVIEW THE INTEGRATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PASSENGER SERVICE CHARGE IN THE COST OF THE AIRLINE PASSENGER TICKET

WHEREAS, to address the congestion problems at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) terminals, provide passenger convenience, and add sizeable space in the passenger movement areas, the Manila International Airport Authority (MIAA) is continuously exploring measures to facilitate the collection of terminal fees such as the integration of the International Passenger Service Charge (IPSC) in the cost of airline tickets;

WHEREAS, there are concerns, particularly of those exempted by law from the payment of terminal and airport fees, that the integration of the IPSC in the cost of the airline tickets, while subject to refund, may cause inconvenience and unnecessary burden to them;

WHEREAS, Section 5(c) of Executive Order (EO) No. 903 (s.1983) or the Revised Charter of the MIAA, empowers the MIAA "[t]o promulgate rules and regulations governing the planning, development, maintenance, operation and improvement of the Airport and to control and/or supervise as may be necessary the construction of any structure or the rendition of any service within the Airport";

WHEREAS, the President has the power of control over all the executive departments, bureaus, and offices and is mandated to ensure that the laws be faithfully executed;

WHEREAS, EO No. 292 or the Administrative Code of the Philippines empowers the Executive Secretary to: decide, for and behalf of the President, matters not requiring personal presidential attention; exercise primary authority to sign papers "By authority of the President", attest executive orders and other presidential issuances; and have administrative responsibility for matters in the Office of the President coming from the various departments and agencies of government.

NOW, THEREFORE , the following are hereby ordered:

SECTION 1. Creation of a Technical Working Group (TWG). A Technical Working Group (TWG) is hereby created to study the integration of International Passenger Service Charge (IPSC) into the cost of the airline ticket at point of sale.

The TWG is also tasked to determine potential information technology (IT)-based solutions to immediately identify IPSC-exempt passengers purchasing tickets, averting the payment of the IPSC at the point of sale.