

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 301, March 29, 2004 ]**

**ESTABLISHING A GREEN PROCUREMENT PROGRAM FOR ALL  
DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS, OFFICES AND AGENCIES OF THE  
EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT**

WHEREAS, the Government recognizes its lead role in protecting the environment and preserving the country's natural resources;

WHEREAS, the Government also recognizes, as a large consumer bloc in itself, that every product/service purchased has impact on the environment;

WHEREAS, Article 4 Section 27 of Republic Act 9003, otherwise known as "Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000" provides that DTI shall formulate and implement a coding system for packaging materials and products to facilitate waste recycling and reuse;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to establish an integrated program of green procurement that will bring about the recognition and rewarding of efforts of the industry sector in producing environmentally-sound products;

WHEREAS, a systematic and comprehensive national Ecolabelling Program is necessary to support a Green Procurement policy not only in all Government offices but with the general public as well.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

*SECTION 1. Establishment of a Green Procurement Program in all Government Agencies.* All government department, offices and agencies are hereby ordered to establish their respective "Green Procurement Program". The purposes of this program are as follows:

- i. To promote the culture of making environmentally - informed decisions in government, especially in the purchase and use of different products.
- ii. To include environmental criteria in public tenders, whenever possible and practicable.
- iii. To establish the specifications and requirements for products of services to be considered environmentally advantageous.