

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 297, October 03, 2000]

**REGULATING THE MANUFACTURE, SALE, DISTRIBUTION AND
USE OF PNP UNIFORMS, INSIGNIAS AND OTHER
ACCOUTREMENTS**

WHEREAS, the PNP uniforms, insignias and other accoutrements are symbolic of a discipline and an image which portray the character and being of every policeman, most representative of a professional Philippine National Police;

WHEREAS, the use or wearing of PNP uniforms, insignias and other accoutrements projects at the very first instance an identity that establishes a distinctive recognition exclusive to every policeman and the Philippine National Police;

WHEREAS, the PNP uniforms, insignias and other accoutrements are easily available and/or procured from any manufacturer, seller, distributor, or supplier by any person, including unscrupulous and lawless individuals who make a mockery of their use for personal gain, unlawful purposes and/or other designs to degrade the policeman and the Philippine National Police;

WHEREAS, while Article 179, "Illegal use of uniforms or insignia" of Republic Act 3815, otherwise known as the Revised Penal Code of the Philippines penalizes any person who shall publicly and improperly make use of insignia, uniforms or dress pertaining to an office not held by such person or to a class of persons of which he is not a member; it does not include the illegal manufacture, sale and distribution of the same;

WHEREAS, while Republic Act No. 493 was also enacted prohibiting, among others, the wearing, use, manufacture and sale of insignias, decorations and medals, badges, patches and identification cards prescribed for the "Armed Forces" or "Constabulary", it does not apply to the Philippine National Police;

WHEREAS, there is no law that governs and regulates the manufacture, sale, distribution and use of uniforms, insignias and other accoutrements of the Philippine National Police;

WHEREAS, to ensure that PNP uniforms, insignias and other accoutrements are manufactured, sold, distributed or supplied only by authorized manufacturer, distributor, supplier and/or seller and used exclusively by uniformed personnel of the PNP, there is a need for regulation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The unauthorized manufacture, sale and distribution of PNP uniforms, insignias and other accoutrements is hereby prohibited. Any