

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 175, November 03, 1999 ]**

**ORGANIZATIONAL RESTRUCTURING OF THE BUREAU OF  
INTERNAL REVENUE TO IMPROVE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL  
OVER CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF TAXPAYERS**

WHEREAS, increased revenue collection is urgently needed to finance vital economic and developmental programs of the government and, to attain fiscal stability in the midst of the current Asia's economic crisis; cda

WHEREAS, pursuant to these goals, a further streamlining of the organizational structure of the Bureau of Internal Revenue is in order to reinforce the tax administration and enforcement capabilities of the Bureau;

WHEREAS, certain deficiencies in the structure of the Bureau under Executive Order No. 430 require further strengthening and refinement through a focus on core operational functions such as collection, assessment and enforcement, including regulatory functions relative to excise tax administration;

WHEREAS, there is a need for a well-defined institutional structure for dealing with large taxpayers in order to strengthen control over large taxpayers;

WHEREAS, this streamlining of the organizational structure of the Bureau is intended to truly transform the Bureau into an effective and efficient revenue collecting agency;

WHEREAS, Section 3, Article XVIII of the Philippine Constitution, grants the President of the Philippines the continuing authority to reorganize the national government, which includes the power to group, consolidate bureaus and agencies, to abolish offices, to transfer functions, to create and classify functions, services and activities; and which authority was upheld by the Supreme Court in G.R. No. 112745 relative to Presidential Decree Nos. 1416 and 1792, [October 16, 1997];

WHEREAS, under Section 78 of the General Provisions of Republic Act No. 8522 or the General Appropriations Act, FY 1998, organizational changes may be authorized when the President of the Philippines so directs;

WHEREAS, under Section 20, Book III of the Revised Administrative Code of 1987, the President is empowered to exercise such other powers and functions vested in him which are provided for under the laws;

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

*SECTION 1. Organizational Structure.* — The organizational structure of the BIR shall be as follows:

1. The National Office shall develop and formulate broad national tax administration policies and programs, for efficient and effective implementation of internal revenue laws and regulations and establish general direction, guidance and control of the entire operations of the internal revenue service

1.1 The following Services shall be placed directly under the Office of the Commissioner:

1.1.1 The *Enforcement Service*, which shall be headed by an Assistant Commissioner, shall be composed of two (2) divisions namely: Tax Fraud Division and Policy Cases Division.

1.1.2 The *Policy and Planning Service*, which shall be headed by an Assistant Commissioner, shall be composed of four (4) divisions namely: Planning Division, Management Division, Statistics Division and Corporate Communications Division.

1.1.3 The *Large Taxpayers Service*, which shall be headed by an Assistant Commissioner, shall be composed of five (5) divisions in the National Office namely: Large Taxpayers Assistance Division, Large Taxpayers Collection and Enforcement Division, Large Taxpayers Assessment Division, Large Taxpayers Programs Division and Large Taxpayers Document Processing and Quality Assurance Division. Likewise, Large Taxpayers Division under the direct supervision of Large Taxpayers Service shall be established in Regional Offices with identified Large Taxpayers.

1.2 The Operations Group, which shall be supervised by a Deputy Commissioner, shall be composed of the following Services:

1.2.1 The *Taxpayer Assistance Service*, which shall be headed by an Assistant Commissioner, shall be composed of two (2) divisions namely: Taxpayer Information and Education Division and Taxpayer Service Programs and Monitoring Division.

1.2.2 The *Assessment Service*, which shall be headed by an Assistant Commissioner, shall be composed of three (3) divisions namely: Assessment Programs Division, Audit Information, Tax Exemption and Incentives Division and Asset Valuation Division.

1.2.3 The *Collection Service*, which shall be headed by an Assistant Commissioner, shall be composed of four (4) divisions namely: Collection Programs Division, Withholding Tax Division, Revenue Accounting Division and Collection Enforcement Division.

1.2.4 The *Excise Taxpayers Service*, which shall be headed by an Assistant Commissioner, shall be composed of four (4) divisions namely: Excise Taxpayers Assistance Division, Excise Taxpayers Operations