

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 18, October 20, 1992]

PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7637

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7637, simultaneously created the "MT. PINATUBO ASSISTANCE, RESETTLEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (PARDC) to administer the "PINATUBO ASSISTANCE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND" which provides for the appropriation of P10 billion for the aid, relief and rehabilitation, reconstruction and development of the lahar-stricken areas;

WHEREAS, there is urgent need to promulgate rules and regulations to govern the implementation of the said Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines by virtue of the powers vested in my by law, do hereby order the promulgation and adoption of the following rules and regulations to govern the implementation of R.A. 7637:

**Rule I
Title**

These rules and regulations shall be known as the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 7637.

**Rule II
Purpose**

It prescribes the policies and guidelines in the administration of the Mt. Pinatubo Fund by the PARDC, pursuant to relevant provisions of the Act in order to facilitate compliance thereto and ensure the fulfillment of its objectives.

**Rule III
Powers, Functions and
Responsibilities of the PARDC**

Pursuant to Section 7 of RA 7637, the following rules and regulations are prescribed to effectively discharge the powers and functions of the Commission.

A. Policy Formulation and Planning The Commission shall:

1. Prescribe the overall strategic framework in planning the utilization of the P10 billion Fund provided for an as scheduled in Section 5 of RA 7637.
2. Formulate the policies and approve the Master Plan for the relief, rehabilitation, resettlement, livelihood services and infrastructure support for the Mt. Pinatubo

victims.

3. Approve the prioritization of projects as recommended by the Executive Director and changes thereto, together with realignment of funds as found necessary.

4. Approve the annual Work and Financial Plan of the Commission and the corresponding projects for implementation by concerned agencies for submission to DBM.

B. Fund Administration The Commission shall:

1. Administer judiciously and effectively the P10 Billion Fund by giving priority to resettlement centers, homesites/townsites and establishment of appropriate livelihood programs for the calamity victims. Consultations will be undertaken with the concerned local government units and agencies as well as representatives of the victims in the use of fund for these purposes.

2. Direct the release of funds to implementing agencies in accordance with the usual budgetary processes/requirements. In the event that any implementing agency cannot undertake a project as determined by the Commission, the fund thereof shall be returned to the DBM for further disposition.

3. Establish a system of emoluments for the members of the Commission, the Executive Director and all the consultants and support staff who may be appointed/hired, subject to pertinent laws and policies on personnel compensation.

4. Adhere strictly to the guidelines in the allocation and programming of funds as prescribed in Sections 4 and 5 of RA 7637.

C. Meetings

1. The Commission shall meet at least monthly at a date, hour and place designated by the Chairman.

2. Commission members, who are members of the Cabinet, together with ex-officio member shall be allowed representation by duly designated permanent alternates.

3. A majority of the members of the Commission shall be passed by a majority of the members present.

4. Resolutions voted upon by the Commission shall be passed by a majority of the members present.

5. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman as are necessary. The Executive Director, with the concurrence of at least two (2) other members, may likewise call for such special meetings.

Rule IV
Powers, Functions and Responsibilities
of the Executive Director

Pursuant to Section 9 of RA 7637, the Executive Director shall adhere to the