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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

No. 2005- 009

TO : All Officials of the DENR Central Office, Bureaus, Regional Offices and Attached Agencies

SUBJECT : **COMPLIANCE WITH EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 428 PERTAINING TO THE SIMPLIFICATION OF RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES, AND REDUCTION OF REPORTORIAL REQUIREMENTS**

In line with the government's thrust to promote socio-economic development with the active participation of the private sector, the attached Malacañang Executive Order No. 428, ***"Directing Departments, Bureaus, Offices and Other Agencies in the Executive Branch, Including Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations to Simplify Rules and Regulations and Reduce Reportorial Requirements to Facilitate Doing Business and Encourage More Investments in the Country"***, was issued to eliminate duplication in government operations and unnecessary reportorial requirements.

In view thereof, it is directed that a report of compliance with said Order be submitted to the Office of the Undersecretary for Management and Technical Services by 29 July 2005 for evaluation and integration, and submission of a consolidated report to the Office of the President. In case that your office has updated or streamlined its rules and procedures, please indicate the modifications made and date of implementation.




MICHAEL T. DEFENSOR,
Secretary

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 428

DIRECTING DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS, OFFICES AND OTHER AGENCIES IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT - OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS TO SIMPLIFY RULES AND REGULATIONS AND REDUCE REPORTORIAL REQUIREMENTS TO FACILITATE DOING BUSINESS AND ENCOURAGE MORE INVESTMENTS IN THE COUNTRY

WHEREAS, the elimination of poverty is the overriding goal of the administration, with the private sector serving as the leading engine of development and progress;

WHEREAS, a vigorous and progressive business sector is essential in the attainment of national socio-economic objectives;

WHEREAS, existing government rules, regulations and procedures including reportorial requirements, cause undue difficulty to private businesses and individual citizens alike, thus discouraging investment and business expansion, and hampering the attainment of a vibrant and progressive economy that demands simpler and reduced rules and regulations for business and industry in order to be more competitive with other countries;

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:

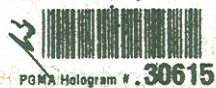
1. Departments, bureaus, agencies and offices in the Executive Branch of Government, including Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations (GOCCs) are hereby directed to simplify rules, regulations, procedures and reduce reportorial requirements imposed for business and industry, with the aim of eliminating duplication and unnecessary requirements, thereby attracting and encouraging more investments and allowing business and industry to devote maximum effort and time to their operation and expansion rather than to compliance with excessive bureaucratic requirements. Local Government Units are encouraged to adopt similar measures.

2. The Executive Secretary shall see to it that this Order is effectively carried out.

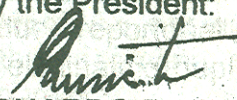
3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila this 18th day of May in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

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:



By the President:


EDUARDO R. ERMITA
Executive Secretary

Gloria Arroyo

