

MALACAÑANG  
Manila  
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 728

**ENSURING TOP-LEVEL ATTENTION AND PRIORITY ACTION ON FOOD  
AND ENERGY NEEDS OF THE NATION**

**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of the government to ensure that every Filipino shall have food on their table especially the poorer sector of the society;

**WHEREAS**, parallel with the programs on food security, the government is also giving equal importance to the energy needs of the nation, including power sector reforms;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to create a council that will give top-level attention and priority action on food and energy needs of the nation;

**WHEREAS**, Section 17, Article VII of the Constitution provides that the President shall have control of all executive departments, bureaus and offices and shall ensure that all laws be faithfully executed;

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

**Section 1.** – There is hereby created the National Food and Energy Council (NFEC or Council).

**Section 2.** – The NFEC is tasked with assessing the food and energy situation and prospects, and formulating, coordinating, undertaking, monitoring and/or adjusting major national long-term policies, programs and project as measures to ensure adequate, competitively priced supplies of food and energy for the nation, especially the very poor.

**Section 3.** – The Council shall include the President as Chair, the NEDA Secretary as Vice-Chair, the Secretaries of DA, DENR, DOE, NAPC, NSC and the NPC, PNOC, NFA heads as members.

**Section 4.** – The heads of relevant committees in Congress and representatives of sectoral groups, academe and other non-government organizations, may be invited as full members or observers.

**Section 5.** – The Council shall, among its other functions, make a five-year projection of supply, demand and prices of essential foodstuffs and energy sources, to be adjusted periodically, and with the targeted impact of policy actions incorporated in the forecasts.



**Section 6.** – The Council shall advise the President and Congress if and when the exercise of emergency presidential powers shall be required to address food and energy problems.

**Section 7.** – The Council on Climate Change, which will discuss similar issues and whose priority will need to be reconciled with food and energy, is hereby absorbed by the NFEC.

**SECTION 8.** – All other rules, regulations and issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 9.** - This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

**Done in the City of Manila** this 2nd day of June in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

By the President:

  
EDUARDO R. ERMITA  
Executive Secretary

*George A. Alvarez*



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