

MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 393

ESTABLISHING THE PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE ON THE
SUGAR INDUSTRY

WHEREAS, the sugar industry is vital to the national economy, being a major foreign exchange earner and a direct provider of livelihood and employment to a significant portion of the labor force in the countryside;

WHEREAS, there is a need for a body to bring together all the concerned sectors in the sugar industry, both public and private, to review and identify policies and programs necessary to further enhance the productivity and competitiveness of the industry;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. Creation of the Presidential Task Force on the Sugar Industry. There is hereby created the Presidential Task Force (PTF) on the Sugar Industry to conduct an overall review of the industry towards the further enhancement of its productivity and competitiveness. Regional Task Groups (RTGs) in sugar producing regions shall likewise be created as needed to support and provide inputs to the PTF.

Section 2. Composition. The Task Force shall have the following composition:

Chairman	-	Executive Secretary
Co-Chairman	-	Secretary, Department of Agriculture
Members	-	Secretary, Department of Trade and Industry
		Secretary, Department of Justice
		Secretary, Department of Finance
		Director General, NEDA
		Administrator, Sugar Regulatory Administration

Section 3. Private Sector Participation. One (1) representative each from the sugar millers, planters, traders, and consumers groups to be appointed by the President upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Agriculture, shall be the members of the Task Force.

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