

Executive Order No. 712, s. 1981

Signed on July 28, 1981

MALACAÑANG

MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 712

REGULATING THE MANUFACTURE, SALE AND POSSESSION OF AIR RIFLES/PISTOLS WHICH ARE CONSIDERED AS FIREARMS

WHEREAS, Section 877 of the Revised Administrative Code, as amended, includes in its definition of the term "firearm", air rifles, except those which, being of small caliber and limited range, are used as toys;

WHEREAS, certain types of air rifles/pistols could cause the death or permanent maiming of a person and could use as convenient tools of criminals in their nefarious activities;

WHEREAS, the proliferation and the indiscriminate use of such types of air rifles/pistols could pose a grave menace to society and the maintenance of peace and order; hence, the need to regulate the manufacture, sale and possession of air rifles/pistols.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the authority vested in me by the Revised Administrative Code, do hereby order and ordain:

SECTION 1. The Chief, Philippine Constabulary shall prescribe the criteria for determining whether an air rifle/pistol is to be considered a firearm or a toy within the contemplation of Sec. 877 of the Revised Administrative Code.

SECTION 2. The licensing requirements for the manufacture, sale and/or possession of, and/or dealership in firearms as prescribed in the Revised Administrative Code shall apply to air rifles/pistols which are considered as firearms in accordance with Section 1 hereof.

SECTION 3. The Chief, Philippine Constabulary is hereby delegated the authority to act dispositively on all applications to manufacture, sell/or possess and/ or otherwise deal in air rifles/pistols whether considered as firearms or toys under the criteria to be prescribed pursuant to Section 1 hereof.

SECTION 4. The Chief, Philippine Constabulary shall prescribe, subject to the approval of the Minister of National Defense, the rules and regulations to implement this order.

SECTION 5. The provisions of any Executive Order inconsistent with this Order are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SECTION 6. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 28th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty One.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TIVERA**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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