

MALACAÑAN PALACE  
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 254  
REVISING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 195, DATED MARCH 13, 1939,  
ESTABLISHING A CLASSIFICATION OF PORTS

For the purpose of fixing the responsibility for the proper administration, operation, and maintenance of ports, and upon the recommendation of the National Transportation Board created by Executive Order Numbered. Forty-five, I, Manuel L. Quezon, President of the Philippines, do hereby establish the following classification of ports:

1. *National ports.*—National ports shall comprise all ports primarily of importance to foreign, interisland, and interprovincial commerce. Other ports which, on account of their geographical locations, are necessary for enforcing customs regulations or for national defense, may also be classified as national ports. The improvement and maintenance of national ports shall be financed by the National Government, and their administration and operation shall be under the direct supervision and control of the Insular Collector of Customs.

2. Pursuant to the above classification and the provisions of section one thousand one hundred forty-five of the Revised Administrative Code and Commonwealth Act No. 175, the following ports are hereby designated as national ports:

I. (a) PORTS OF ENTRY OPEN TO OVERSEAS SHIPPING:

Provinces	Ports
Albay .....	(1) Legaspi
Cagayan .....	(2) Aparri
Camarines Norte .....	(3) Jose Pañganiban (Formerly Mambulao)
Cebu .....	(4) Cebu
Davao .....	(5) Davao
Iloilo .....	(6) Iloilo
Manila .....	(7) Manila
Sulu .....	(8) Jolo
Zamboanga .....	(9) Zamboanga

(b) PORTS OF ENTRY WITHOUT CUSTOMS FACILITIES AND OPEN TO OVERSEAS SHIPPING UPON ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PERMITS BY THE INSULAR COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS:

Provinces	Ports
Albay .....	(1) Tabaco
Occidental Negros .....	(2) Pulupandan
Pangasinan .....	(3) Sual
Tayabas .....	(4) Hondagua

## II. PORTS OPEN TO COASTWISE TRADE ONLY:

Provinces	Ports
Agusan .....	(1) Nasipit
Albay .....	(2) Virac (Catanduanes)
Antique .....	(3) San Jose de Buenavista
Bataan .....	(4) Mariveles
Batanes .....	(5) Basco
Do .....	(6) Contra Costa
Batangas .....	(7) Batangas
Do .....	(8) Nasugbu
Bohol .....	(9) Tagbilaran
Capiz .....	(10) Capiz
Cotabato .....	(11) Makar
Do .....	(12) Parang
Ilocos Norte .....	(13) Ga-an Bay
Ilocos Sur .....	(14) San Ildefonso
Do .....	(15) Solvec
Lanao .....	(16) Iligan
La Union .....	(17) San Fernando
Leyte .....	(18) Tacloban
Marinduque .....	(19) Balanacan
Masbate .....	(20) Masbate
Mindoro .....	(21) Calapan
Occidental Misamis .....	(22) Jimenez
Oriental Misamis .....	(23) Cagayan
Oriental Negros .....	(24) Dumaguete
Palawan .....	(25) Balabac
Do .....	(26) Culion
Palawan .....	(27) Puerto Princesa
Romblon .....	(28) Romblon
Samar .....	(29) Borongan
Do .....	(30) Catbalogan
Sorsogon .....	(31) Magallanes
Sulu .....	(32) Sitankai
Do .....	(33) Siasi
Do .....	(34) Batobato
Surigao .....	(35) Surigao
Zamboanga .....	(36) Puluhan
Do .....	(37) Malangas

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3. *Municipal ports.*—Municipal ports shall comprise all other ports not classified as national ports. The administration and operation of municipal ports shall be under the municipal councils concerned, subject to the general regulations that may be issued by the Insular Collector of Customs, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter Thirty-nine of the Administrative Code. The maintenance and improvement of these ports shall be financed by the municipalities concerned and from appropriations authorized by the National Government and such work shall be carried out with the advice and under the general supervision of the Director of Public Works.

4. Any municipal port may hereafter be declared a national port or any national port declared a municipal port, when it is considered necessary to do so in the interest of commerce, for the enforcement of customs regulations, or for national defense purposes.

This order shall take effect as of this date.

Done at the City of Manila, this twentieth day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the fifth.

MANUEL L. QUEZON  
*President of the Philippines*

By the President:  
JORGE B. VARGAS  
*Secretary to the President*

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