

Office of the President  
of the Philippines  
Malacañang

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 153

**AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL TO PRESENT AND PROSECUTE THE CLAIMS OF THE GOVERNMENT INCLUDING ITS DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, AGAINST THE UNITED STATES CRUDE OIL OVERCHARGE FUNDS, AND DIRECTING ALL GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS (INCLUDING THOSE WHICH HAVE BEEN SOLD, LIQUIDATED OR ARE UNDER THE PROCESS OF LIQUIDATION) TO RENDER ASSISTANCE ON THE MATTER**

The Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) is hereby authorized to present and prosecute before the United States Department of Energy (US DOE), in behalf of the Republic of the Philippines, the Government's claims against the United States Crude Oil Overcharge Funds.

To enable the OSG to perform its task effectively and efficiently, all agencies and instrumentalities of the Government, including government-owned and -controlled corporations (the proper government agencies concerned with GOCCs which have been sold, liquidated or undergoing liquidation included), are hereby directed:

- 1 To inform the OSG on or before January 30, 1997, of the number of gallons of whatever purchases they may have made of refined oil products from the United States during the period August 19, 1973 through January 27, 1981;

These "refined oil products" include aviation fuels, benzene, butane, gas oil, gasoline, greases, hexane, kerosene, lubricant base oil stocks, lubricants, naphthas, natural gas liquids, natural gasoline, No. 1 heating oil and No. 1-D diesel fuel, No. 2 heating oil and No. 2-D diesel fuel, No. 4 fuel oil and No. 2-D diesel fuel, propane, residual fuel oil, special naphthas (solvents), toluene, unfinished oils, xylene and other finished products including those produce from a crude oil refinery.

2. Give a description on how the said entity used the petroleum products;

3. Explain how the entity involved obtained the volume figures, the location of any records to determine the volume figures, and an explanation of any estimates used; *and*
4. To collate all documentary and other evidence supportive of said claims and to extend assistance to the OSG in the successful prosecution of the same.

For strict and immediate compliance.

**DONE** in the City of Manila, this 10th day of January in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Seven.

By authority of the President:

  
**RUBEN D. TORRES**  
Executive Secretary

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