

Republic of the Phingunes DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Office of the Secretary Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City

FISHERIES ADMINISTRATIVE ) ORDER NO. <u>183</u> : Series of 1992. )

> SUBJECT: Prohibiting the importation of yellow fin tuna and tuna products from certain countries.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 4, 7 and 18 of Presidential Decree No. 704, as amended, otherwise known as the "Fisheries Decree of 1975", the following rules and regulations are hereby promulgated for the information and guidance of all concerned:

SECTION 1. Prohibition. - It shall be unlawful for any person, association, cooperative, partnership, or corporation to import yellow fin tuna (Thunnus albacares) and tuna products from the countries of Mexico, Venezuela and Vanuatu.

SEC. 2. Penal clause. - Violation of this Order shall subject the offender to a fine of not less than Five Hundred (P500.00) Pesos but not more than Five Thousand (P5,000.00) Pesos or imprisonment from six (6) months to four (4) years, or both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the Court: Provided, however, That the Director of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources is hereby empowered to impose upon the offender an administrative fine of not more than Five Thousand (P5,000.00) Pesos including the confiscation of the imported tuna and tuna products.

SEC. 3. Effectivity. - This Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued this <u>31st</u> day of <u>January</u>, 1992, in Quezon City, Philippines.

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