

GOVERNMENT OF GUAM
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AGANA, GUAM

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 79-24

CREATION OF THE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING BOARD

WHEREAS, agriculture is basic to the life of our Territory; and,

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the local government to promote, foster, and encourage the agricultural industry on Guam; and

WHEREAS, in order to promote, foster, and encourage agricultural development on Guam, government assistance must be sought to: (1) design and implement a viable marketing system; (2) promote an expanded demand for local agricultural products and the intelligent uses thereof by consumers as pure and wholesome food; and (3) encourage the selection and consumption of food according to sound dietary and nutritional principles; and,

WHEREAS, there is a need to bring together farmers and groups of food buyers in order to centralize agricultural distribution;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAUL M. CALVO, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby order as follows:

1. The Guam Agricultural Marketing Board is hereby established to advise and assist the Governor in coordinating all agricultural marketing programs. It is the purpose of the Executive Order to promote the development and expansion of direct marketing of local agricultural commodities from farmers to consumers. To accomplish this objective, the Board shall initiate and coordinate a program designed to facilitate direct marketing from farmers to consumers for the mutual benefit of consumers and farmers.

2. The Board members shall include: (1) Director of Department of Agriculture, (2) Director of Department of Commerce, (3) Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, University of Guam, and (4) Five (5) members appointed from each of the following: (1) Guam Farmers Union Association,

(2) Guam Farmers Cooperative Association, (3) Malojloj Green Farm Association, (4) Guam Hog Producers, and (5) a fishery Cooperative Association. The Board shall select a member to serve as chairman.

3. Powers and Functions. The Board shall have, and may exercise, the following general powers in carrying on the intent of the Executive Order:

(a) To co-operate with and aid farmers and other producers of food, and distributors and consumers thereof, in improving and maintaining economic efficient systems of production, storage, distribution and marketing, and in reaching advantageous markets.

(b) To develop, coordinate and conduct programs for advertising, publicity and general promotion of agricultural and food products grown, processed, packed or otherwise made within the state.

(c) To develop and maintain facilities for the storage, distribution, and marketing of local produce.

(d) To lease, buy, operate, and maintain buildings, factories, plants, and other facilities, including all equipment, supplies and machinery incident thereto.

(e) To plan, coordinate, and initiate production and marketing activities between producers and consumers.

(f) To standardize contracting procedures.

(g) To standardize product grades, packaging, and delivery procedure.

(h) To develop equitable product grading procedures.

(i) To develop product quantity, quality and price projections.

(j) To assist producer groups in bidding for contracts.

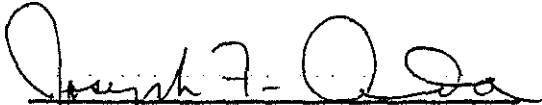
(k) To make contracts, and to exercise by its board or duly authorized officers or agents, all such incidental powers as may be necessary, suitable or proper for the accomplishment of the purposes of the facility and not inconsistent with the law, and that may be conducive to or expedient for the interest or benefit of the producers and consumers.

Signed and promulgated at Agana, Guam, this 26th day of October,
1979.



PAUL M. CALVO
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:



JOSEPH F. ADA
Lieutenant Governor