

Second Addendum to
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 116

*Amending the Organization of the Ministry of Justice
within the Executive Branch (Executive Order No. 98)*

WHEREAS, since the establishment of the Constitutional Government of the Republic of Palau on January 1, 1981, the basic framework for the structure of the Executive Branch of the National Government was set forth by Public Law No. 7-8-8 (2 PNC 101-114) and consisted of five major departments; namely, Ministries of State, Justice, National Resources, Social Services and Administration; and

WHEREAS, specific bureaus, divisions, offices and the related functions, responsibilities, duties and activities of the five ministries within the Executive Branch of the National Government were formally established on September 29, 1982, upon promulgation of Executive Order No. 09, and subsequent amendments thereafter; and

WHEREAS, said Executive Branch of the National Government was further reorganized on July 27, 1990, by Public Law No. 3-3 which increased major departments to eight major departments; namely, the Ministry of State, Justice, Resources and Development, Commerce and Trade, Administration, Health, Education, and Community and Cultural Affairs; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the provisions of RPPL No. 3-30, Executive Order No. 98, promulgated on January 7, 1991, established and reorganized bureaus, divisions, and offices, together with their respective functions, responsibilities, duties, and activities; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 116 was promulgated on January 14, 1993 and established and reorganized bureaus, divisions and offices, together with their respective functions, responsibilities, duties and activities within various Ministries and an Addendum to Executive Order No. 116 was promulgated on July 22, 1993 which additionally reorganized the Ministry of Health; and

WHEREAS, illicit drug cultivation, transportation, distribution and use continues to be a problem which undermines the health of our citizens and the welfare of our nation; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that, in order to most effectively enforce the laws related to illicit drugs, the Bureau of Public Safety must be reorganized and a new Division specifically related to illicit drugs created;

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the Republic of Palau, pursuant to the Constitution and applicable laws of the Republic, it is hereby ordered that Executive Order No. 98, which reorganized the Executive Branch of the National Government, is hereby amended by this Second Addendum to Executive Order No. 116 in the following particulars with regard to the Ministry of Justice.

Within the MINISTRY QF JUSTICE (PART III), the following new subsection is added.

Under Bureau of Public Safety (Section 2), a new Division of Drug Enforcement (f) is created as follows:

Section 2. Bureau of Public Safety

“f) Division of Drug Enforcement. The Division of Drug Enforcement shall be headed Chief who, with the assistance of staff, shall be responsible for enforcing all laws related to illicit drugs including the cultivation, distribution, transport and sale or use of same as well as all laws related to the purchase and consumption of alcoholic beverages. The Chief shall coordinate his activities with other Divisions of the Bureau of Public Safety and other appropriate agencies of the Government. The Division of Drug Enforcement shall be under the direct supervision of, and shall report to the Minister of Justice and in the Minister’s absence to the President of the Republic of Palau.”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and affixed my official seal this 18th day of October, 1993, in the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

Kuniwo Nakamura
President of the Republic of Palau