

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 256

***Regarding the Implementation of the Environmental Protection Fee established Pursuant to RPPL No. 7-42, as Amended by RPPL No. 7-57.***

WHEREAS, Section 2 of RPPL No. 7-42 created a new subsection of the Palau National Code (24 PNC §3413(a)), which in pertinent part provided that, "Effective on October 1, 2008, the Minister of Finance, or his or her authorized designee, shall be authorized to implement a tourist and visitor arrival environmental protection arrival fee [the so-called "Green fee"] of thirty dollars...;" and

WHEREAS, in light of the fact that by January of 2009, the previous Administration had not implemented said Green fee, the Seventh Olbiil Era Kelulau enacted RPPL No. 7-57, which in its Section 1 amended 34 PNC §3413(a) to change the date on which the Minister of Finance was authorized to implement said Green fee from October 1, 2008, to April 1, 2009; to wit: "Effective on April 1, 2009, the Minister of Finance... shall be authorized to implement a tourist and visitor arrival environmental protection arrival fee of thirty dollars...; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Bureau of Revenue, Customs and Taxation, as authorized by Section 2 of RPPL No. 7-57, has not yet promulgated the regulations necessary to implement the amendments set forth in RPPL No. 7-57;

NOW, THEREFORE, in order to provide for an orderly transition to and collection of the Green fee, by virtue of the authority vested in the President by Article VIII of the Constitution of the Republic of Palau, the President orders as follows.

1. As authorized by RPPL No. 7-42, as amended by RPPL No. 7-57, the Minister of Administration [sic] shall implement the Green

fee and shall cause the collection of said fee to commence on March 8, 2010.

2. The Director of the Bureau of Revenue, Customs and Taxation shall forthwith draft regulations deemed necessary and proper to implement the amendments set forth in RPPL No. 7-57 and shall submit the draft regulations to the Office of the President for its review by no later than July 31, 2009.

3. The Minister of Administration [sic] shall immediately advise the airlines operating in Palau of the foregoing.

4. This Executive order shall take effect immediately.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 1st day of April, 2009.

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/s/  
Johnson Toribiong  
President  
Republic of Palau