



Republic of the Philippines

## OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN

Agham Road, Diliman, Quezon City

### ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 17

#### AMENDMENT OF RULE III, ADM. ORDER NO. 07

Rule III, Administrative Order No. 07 of this Office is hereby amended, to read as follows:

#### “RULE III

#### PROCEDURE IN ADMINISTRATIVE CASES

Section 1. Grounds for administrative complaint. - An administrative complaint may be filed for acts or omissions **which are:**

- a) contrary to law or regulations;
- b) unreasonable, unfair, oppressive or discriminatory;
- c) inconsistent with the general course of **an** agency's functions though in accordance with law;
- d) **based** on a mistake of law or an arbitrary ascertainment of facts;
- e) in the exercise of discretionary powers but for an improper purpose;
- f) otherwise irregular, immoral or devoid of justification;
- g) due to any delay or refusal to comply with the referral or directive of the Ombudsman or any of his deputies against the officer or employee to whom it was addressed; and
- h) such other grounds provided for under E.O. 292 and other applicable laws.

Section 2. Public officers covered; exceptions. - All elective and appointive officials of the government and its subdivisions, instrumentalities and agencies, including Members of the Cabinet, local governments, government-owned or controlled corporations and their subsidiaries are subject to the disciplinary authority of the Office of the Ombudsman. ✓

