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**DECREE:**

Article 1.- Administrative actions in the ministries and decentralized entities  
They will be carried out in accordance with standards of economy, speed and efficiency. The ministers  
of State and Directors of decentralized entities will ensure, with respect to the  
that they direct, for the fulfillment of this disposition.

Article 2.- Administrative documents and files will be processed in a manner  
uniform so that each series or type of them responds to the same characteristics and  
formats.

Article 3.- Requests for data and statistics will be reduced to the essential minimum.  
equal or lower administrative bodies.

When in a dependency there are excessive requests for data or statistics by  
part of other departments or organizations, the fact will be made known to the  
Comptroller General of the Republic, to provide what is necessary for the simplification and  
rationalization of such requests.

Article 4.- When public entities must resolve a large series of  
homogeneous files, will establish a summary management procedure through  
forms, forms or other documents that allow the rapid dispatch of matters,  
being able to use, when the reasons and bases of the resolutions are identical,  
types or series of the same, provided that the rights of the interested parties and the  
free practice of law.

Article 5.- In those cases in which the petitions must be resolved prior to the intervention  
of another public entity, a single file will be instructed and a single Resolution will be issued.  
In these cases, the procedure will be initiated before the Ministry or Autonomous Entity that  
has a more specific competence in relation to the object in question. In case of  
doubt, the matter will be resolved by the President of the Republic, through the Ministry of the  
Presidency.

Article 6.- Any person who has presented a petition, claim, query or complaint  
You have the right to know the status of the process and to be informed of the  
term within which it will be addressed by the competent Administrative Body. If he  
Administrative Body does not resolve the request, claim, query or complaint,  
within the indicated term, you must inform the interested party, indicating  
the reasons for the delay, and indicating the date on which it will be resolved.

Article 7.- The Ministers and Directors of Autonomous Entities shall regulate the  
internal processing of the requests, claims, queries or complaints that correspond to them  
resolve, indicating the maximum deadlines according to the category or quality of the business, and  
submit them to the approval of the Executive Body or the Boards of Directors of the respective  
Autonomous Entities, as the case may be, thirty days after the entry into force of this Law.  
if there are procedures regulated by law with excessive bureaucratic requirements,  
The respective bill must be sent to the President of the Republic for its  
presentation to the National Legislation Council or, where appropriate, to the Legislative Assembly,  
in accordance with the pertinent constitutional procedures, within the same  
previously established term.

Article 8.- It is prohibited to establish requirements or procedures that are not provided for in the  
legal provisions and in the regulations referred to in Article 7 of this Law.

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Article 9.- The Ministry of the Presidency shall ensure compliance with the provisions of this law, informing the President of the Republic, the difficulties in its adoption, so that the pertinent thing is arranged.

Article 10.- Administrative procedures in the Ministries and entities decentralized should be uniform and remedies against administrative acts must be processed in accordance with the provisions of Law 135 of 1943, modified by Law 33 of 1946. The support of the appeals, in each instance, should not exceed five business days. Unless there is a law that establishes administrative procedures special criteria, criteria will be established by the Cabinet Council for the uniformity of above mentioned procedures.

Article 11.- The appeal for certiorari referred to in Article 1739 of the Administrative Code in all administrative actions, including tax matters and customs.

Article 12.- Article 2140 of the Administrative Code will read as follows:

"Article 2140: For all legal purposes, public interpreters are understood as what have the character of such, by virtue of authorization from the Ministry of Government and Justice, conferred with the formalities that this title establishes ".

Article 13.- Article 2141 of the Administrative Code will read as follows:

"Article 2141: The Minister of Government and Justice may confer the title of interpreter public to any person of Panamanian nationality, as long as it is of good conduct and have knowledge of the language to which he will interpret :.

Article 14.- The formal recognition of the associations and entities indicated by the Numerals 2), 4), and 5) of Article 64 of the Civil Code will be done through Resolved issued by the Ministry of Government and Justice.

Article 15.- Article 1238 of the Fiscal Code will read as follows:

"Article 1238: In the Fiscal Administrative procedure the following means:

1. The reconsideration, before the official of first instance, to clarify, modify or revoke the resolution; Y
2. The appeal, to the superior, with the same object. The appellant may waive the appeal for reconsideration and directly file the appeal, prior to the Contentious-Administrative ".

Article 16.- Article 772 of the Tax Code will read as follows:

"Article 772: The owner who does not agree with the resolutions of the Directorate of Fiscal Cadastre related to the appraisal or reappraisal of your assets, you may use of the following resources:

1. The reconsideration before the Fiscal Cadastre Directorate, to clarify, modify or revoke the appraisal. This resource may be used within the term of ten (10) business days, from the date of the notification. This resource may be presented directly by the interested party on plain paper or in forms special provided by the Fiscal Cadastre Directorate.
2. The appeal, before the Minister of Finance and Treasury, for the same purpose.

For this resource, the interested party will have a term of fifteen (15) business days from

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Notifications will be as follows:

to. For general or partial appraisals, through lists that will be published for a single once in a newspaper of recognized national circulation, or in special bulletins that are will be established in the offices of the Fiscal Directorate or in the Mayor's Offices of the respective Districts and The notification shall be understood to have been fulfilled within a term of five (5) business days, counted from the date of publication of the lists or of the posting of special bulletins.

b. For specific appraisals and for reconsideration or appeal cases, the Notifications will be made personally and if ten (10) business days elapse without may personally notify the interested party, this notification will be made by means of edicts set in the offices of the Directorate of Fiscal Cadastre or in the offices of the Authority Public of greater importance of the place where there are no offices of said address for a term of five (5) business days, after which, said notification.

Article 17.-Article 24 of Cabinet Decree 109 of May 7, 1970, will remain  
So:

"Article 24: The investigation of the summaries and the first instance in the business of competence of the General Directorate of Revenue will be exercised by the Administrations Regional Income; those of second instance by the Appeals Commission. East procedure does not exclude appeals before ordinary courts ".

Article 18.-Article 7 of Cabinet Decree 344 of October 31, 1969, will remain  
So:

"Article 7: The National Director of Commerce will know in the first instance, of the conflicts arising from the application of this Cabinet Decree, which are will be processed in accordance with the procedure provided for trials of opposition to the Factory Trademark Registration. The party affected by the first instance ruling may appeal against him to the Ministry of Commerce and Industries within five (5) days following your notification. The appellant will have a term of ten (10) days to support the resource ".

Article 19.- Article 3 of Law 6 of January 19, 1961 will read as follows:

Article 3: Persons who wish to establish commercial warehouses for merchandise must submit a written request to the Minister of Commerce and Industries, which will be sent to the Commercial Warehouse Control Board of Merchandise, for the purposes of issue concept.

Article 20.-Article 5 of Law 6 of January 19, 1961 will read as follows:

"Article 5: In view of the report referred to in the previous Article, the Minister of Commerce and Industries, through resolution, will decide on the request for establishment of a Commercial Warehouse of Goods ".

Article 21: The reward or pecuniary aid referred to in Article 61 of the Law 20 of September 29, 1983, will be granted by Resolution of the Ministry of Government and Justice.

Article 22.- Article 104 of the Code of Mineral Resources, modified by Law 89 dated October 4, 1973, will read as follows:

"Article 104: The power to carry out mining operations by agencies officials will be granted to them through the Ministry of Commerce and Industries, which must indicate the description of the area, the number of hectares, the minerals included in the authorization, duration and any other condition that the Minister of Commerce and Industries, consider it convenient to establish ".

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Article 23.- Once the Contract has expired, the request for the return of the guarantee provided in literal i) of Article Twenty-fifth of Cabinet Decree 413 of December 30 of 1970, modified by Cabinet Decree 172 of August 24, 1971, will be decided by Resolved issued by the Ministry of Commerce and Industries.

Article 24: Articles 1739 and 1740 of the Administrative Code and others are repealed provisions that are contrary to it.

Article 25.-This Law shall take effect from its promulgation.

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