

An Overview of the E-Commerce Act of 2000

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The Lecture aims to explain and discuss how Republic Act No. 8792, entitled “An Act Providing for the Recognition and Use of Electronic Commercial and Non-Commercial Transactions and Documents, Penalties for Unlawful Use Thereof and for Other Purposes” [E-Commerce Act] addresses the concerns with respect to validity of electronic documents while, at the same time, encouraging the universal use of electronic documents.

In achieving this purpose, the Lecture gives the legal framework of the E-Commerce Act. It discusses the issues on legal recognition and validity of electronic contracts, on validity of transactions, on evidentiary value of e-commerce documents, and on security of transactions. The Lecture also gives an overview of the E-Government Framework.

The Lecture ends with a note that the Act does not seek to alter existing legal arrangements governing commerce. Rather, it is the Philippine Legislature’s response to the on-going globalization.