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MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 24
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**SUBJECT: ADDENDUM TO THE IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES ON THE SEED
BUFFER STOCKING PROGRAM**

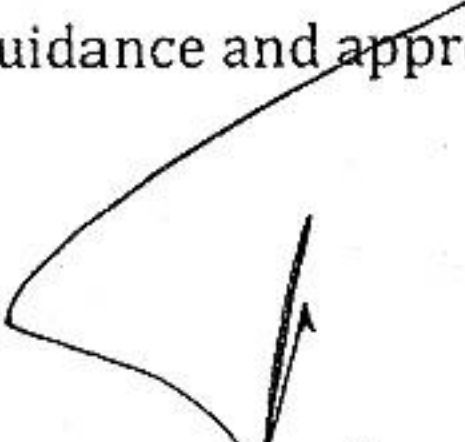
Memorandum Order No. 18, Series of 2015 states that "unutilized buffer stock below the prescribed by the NSIC-TWG on SCS of 85% seed germination standard particularly rice and OPV white corn can be sold to NFA or interested entity through competitive bidding as food and feed."

Through this Memorandum Order, it shall include:

- *If there is an insufficient rice supply or surge in prices, as determined by either the Department's Central Bantay Presyo Monitoring Team or Regional Bantay Presyo Monitoring Team, the DA-Regional Field Offices (RFOs) may mill the unutilized seed buffer stock below the prescribed NSIC-TWG on SCS of 85% seed germination standard and sell/distribute the milled rice to affected provinces. The selling price of the milled rice should not be more than the current prevailing market price. If sold, the proceeds shall be used to procure commercial rice from provinces with sufficient supply and a comparatively lower price rate, for reselling. This roll-over scheme will be implemented until the situation in the affected areas normalize.*
- *Upon the Declaration of State of Calamity by the Local Government Unit or by the President, the DA-RFOs may mill their unutilized seed buffer stock below the prescribed NSIC-TWG on SCS of 85% seed germination standard and distribute the milled rice to affected areas covered by the DA-RFO.*

All other provisions stated in the General Guidelines shall still be followed.

For guidance and appropriate action.


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