18 September 2018

MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. <u>28</u> Series of 2013

SUBJECT:

SUSPENSION OF ONLINE APPLICATION AND APPROVAL FOR IMPORT PERMITS OF ROUNDSCAD COVERED BY CERTIFICATE OF NECESSITY TO IMPORT AND FAO 195, S 1998

To further facilitate the importation of Roundscad (*Decapterus spp.*) for wet markets covered by the Certificate of Necessity to Import effective September 1, 2018 and for the benefit of the consuming public, I, **EMMANUEL F. PINOL**, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, by the power vested in me by law, do hereby issue this Memorandum Order to supplement DA Administrative Circular No. 07, s. 2018, as follows:

- 1. With respect to the filing of Application to Import Roundscad pursuant to Section 6 of DA Administrative Circular No. 07, s. 2018 and FAO 195, s. 1998 the online filing and approval of Application to Import is hereby suspended.
- 2. The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) shall perform the data gathering and other ministerial functions involved in the processing of Application to Import and thereafter refer the same to the DA-OSEC for approval within 48 hours from receipt of the applications.
- The Secretary of Department of Agriculture, in the exercise of sound discretion, shall determine the allowable volume and Issue Importation Permit to the qualified importer.
- 4. Technical personnel from BFAR shall be designated to assist the DA-OSEC in connection with the above mentioned functions.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain effective until revoke in writing.

For guidance and appropriate action.

EMMANUEL F. PINOL

Secretary

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