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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT: GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FISHERIES ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 259 (FAO 259) IN RELATION TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPS IMPORT CLEARANCES FOR THE IMPORTATION OF FROZEN FISH AND FISHERY/AQUATIC PRODUCTS FOR WET MARKETS

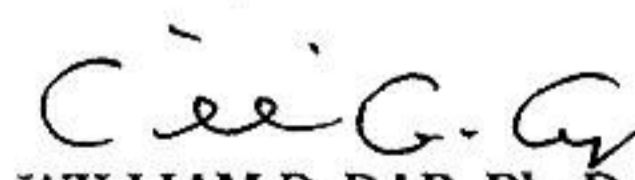
To effectively implement the provisions of Fisheries Administrative Order No. 259 (FAO 259) in relation to the issuance of SPS Import Clearances (SPSICs) for the importation of frozen fish and fishery/aquatic products for wet markets, the following directives are hereby issued:

1. All frozen fish and fishery/aquatic products being imported under FAO 259 must be stored only in accredited cold storages. The specific cold storage contracted by an importer for a certain importation must be stated in the SPS Import Clearance (SPSIC) that will be issued to them. The importer must declare and include in their application the cold storage that they intend to use and attach therein a notarized contract of lease with said cold storage facility with corresponding photo of the same and of the GPS showing its location. Said contract of lease must be within a period of at least six months covering the closed or off-fishing season.
2. Importers must specifically state their supplier and the country of origin of the frozen fish and fishery/aquatic products that they will be importing. An SPSIC must cover only one country of origin. Revisions or amendments thereof shall not be allowed.
3. The application for SPSIC must be supported by proper certification on compliance with Food Safety requirements from the country of origin.
4. The forty-five (45) days validity of SPSIC shall be strictly followed. Extensions of said validity shall no longer be allowed.
5. Only a maximum of ten (10) ten containers shall be allowed per SPSIC.
6. The ship out of the imported fish and fishery/fishery products must be within the 45 days-validity period of an SPSIC covering the same.
7. The date of issuance that will be indicated in an SPSIC shall be the date that the same was approved and signed.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until revoked by the undersigned.

Done this 12 day of November 2019.

APPROVED/DISAPPROVED:


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Secretary

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