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MEMORANDUM

TO: USec. Ariel T. Cayanan
Undersecretary for Operations

USec. Eduardo B. Gongona
Undersecretary for Fisheries

Cc: All DA Regional Executive Directors
All BFAR Regional Directors

FROM: The Secretary

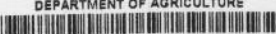
SUBJECT: Submission of list of LGUs purchasing agricultural and fishery food commodities directly from farmers/fishermen cooperatives and/or associations.

The newly approved Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB) procedure for implementation during the enhanced community quarantine (ECQ) period allows LGUs to purchase directly from farmers/fishermen's organizations for their relief operations. LGUs are now encouraged to include agri-fishery produce especially vegetables in the relief packs distributed to their constituents. This presents a very good opportunity for our farmers/fishers to market their produce within their localities, helping keep their economic activities afloat and at the same time ensure availability of food to communities affected by the ECQ.

In line with this, I am directing the offices of Undersecretaries Ariel Cayanan and Eduardo Gongona to submit a list of LGUs (municipal/city/province) who are now purchasing directly from our farmer/fisher groups. The list should include details on these purchases (e.g., type, volume, value and frequency) to be submitted to my office weekly starting Monday, April 27, 2020 and every Monday thereof.

For everyone's guidance and compliance.


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