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SUBJECT: TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF SECTION III-F OF DA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER (AO) NO. 09, SERIES OF 2010, DATED APRIL 12, 2010 RELATIVE TO ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (ECQ) IMPLEMENTATION

The current COVID-19 pandemic has created disruptions of normal activities which affected every industry. The feedmill industry has encountered issues, concerns, difficulties and challenges as far as ensuring continuity of supply chain and availability of raw materials as a result of port congestions and lockdowns, customs clearance, movement restrictions due to banning of local transport and limited workforce either due to lockdowns or due to health reasons, among others.

Because of this, importers have encountered schedule conflicts in shipments loading and departure with the Sanitary/Phytosanitary - Import Clearance issuance date, thus, causing resulting to missed target date, delays of loading and departure of shipments from the country of origin. To facilitate and ensure continuous supply of animal feed veterinary drugs and biologics, feed ingredients, feed products, raw materials necessary for feed manufacture and livestock production, the Department of Agriculture hereby issues the following:

1. Temporary suspension of the implementation of provisions of Section III-F DA Administrative Order (AO) No. 09, series of 2010, dated April 12, 2010, "SPS Import Clearance (SPSIC) shall be secured prior to the importation of live animals, Feeds, Feed Ingredients, Veterinary Drugs and Products; in no case shall the date of loading at the port of country of origin as specified in the Bill of Lading be later than the Must Ship Out Date of SPS Import Clearance" and
2. The change of port of entry shall be allowed subject to justifiable reason such as port congestion due to COVID-19 pandemic.


COVERAGE

All SPS- IC for animal feeds, veterinary drugs and biologics issued from January 2020 until the ECQ lifting is covered by this Order.

This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately


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