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ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR NO. <u>15</u> Series of 2020

AMENDING MAV MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR NO. 05, SERIES OF 2018, PROVIDING FOR THE UNILATERAL MINIMUM ACCESS VOLUME (MAV) FOR CHIPPING POTATOES AND THE RULES UNDER WHICH THE SAME MAY BE AVAILED

WHEREAS, MAV Management Committee issued Administrative Circular No. 05, series of 2018 (MMC AC No. 05, s. 2018), Providing for the Unilateral Minimum Access Volume (MAV) For Chipping Potatoes and The Rules Under Which the Same May Be Availed, that took effect in November 16, 2018;

WHEREAS, MMC AC No. 05, s. 2018, drafted in 2017, provides for a Unilateral MAV of 20,000 MT of chipping potatoes based on the national requirement in 2016;

WHEREAS, actual importation of chipping potatoes in 2019 of two (2) local potato chips manufacturers: The Universal Robina Corporation and Liwayway Marketing Corporation were 25,600MT and 4,400MT, respectively;

WHEREAS, no locally produced chipping potatoes are currently available for use for manufacturing of potato chips prompting local potato chips manufacturers to import their additional raw materials requirements outside of the current MAV at a tariff rate of 40%;

WHEREAS, there is a need to reflect the current import requirements to ensure the competitiveness of locally manufactured potato chips.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises, Section 1 of MMC AC No. 05, s. 2018 incorporating Annex VI to DA AO No. 1, series of 1998 is hereby amended to ensure continuing competitiveness of locally produced potato chips.

SECTION 1. Section 1 (Annex VI) number 2 is hereby amended as follows:

"2. QUANTITY - The quantity of PRODUCT included under the MAV Mechanism shall be Thirty thousand (30.000) MT per MAV year."

SECTION 3. Effect. Administrative Circular No. 05, Series of 2018 shall remain in effect, and all other provisions not otherwise amended by this Circular and not inconsistent herewith shall continue to be valid, binding and effective.

SECTION 4. Separability. Should any provision of this Circular be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions unaffected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 5. Effectivity. This Circular shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of national circulation and registration with the UP-ONAR.

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