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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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SUBJECT : Additional Guidelines and Requirements for the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Import Clearance (SPSIC) for Corn and Wheat

In order to address the concerns of our local corn industry to manage corn importation while ensuring enough corn supply for **food and beverage processing, research, and propagation purposes**, the following additional guidelines and requirements for the application of SPSIC for corn and wheat importation shall be implemented:

1. Commodity description in the SPSIC application should be clearly stated **e.g.**, Corn (Whole/Yellow/Food), Corn (Grits/Yellow/Food), Corn Seeds (Research), Corn Seeds (Propagation), Corn Seeds (Resale for Propagation), Wheat (Grains/Feed), Wheat (Grains/Food).
2. Affidavit declaring the purpose of importation [food and beverage (specific), feed or seeds] shall be attached to the SPSIC application in addition to the previous requirements, which are proforma invoice, and GMO/Non-GMO Certificate.
3. The actual product/consignment must be shipped-out within twenty (20) days and must arrive no later than thirty -five (35) days from the date issued of the SPSIC for corn and wheat coming from ASEAN countries (except Myanmar) and sixty-five (65) days for those coming from Myanmar and other countries.

For further validation of these applications:

1. As per DA Department Circular 04 Series of 2016, all corn and wheat importers shall file a separate or individual application of SPSIC to BPI for each purpose of importation.
2. All importers are required to provide BPI and BAI with their current corn and wheat supply and utilization report every three (3) months. Warehouses and facilities shall also be subject to audit inspection by BPI and BAI.

This also serves as a reiteration that all corn and wheat shipments must be applied for e-RFI 24 hours before arrival and must be cleared by BPI at the respective port of entry.

Failure to comply can affect the importer's track record and can be considered grounds for rejection of application or suspension of registration as an importer.

This order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 2nd day of December 2020


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