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ANNEX E

**SPECIAL ORDER**

NO. 177

Series of 2021

**SUBJECT: GUIDELINES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FAO 259 IN RELATION TO THE CERTIFICATE OF NECESSITY TO IMPORT 6,302.31 MT OF FROZEN ROUNDSCAD AND BIGEYE SCAD 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 Certificate of Necessity to Import 6,302.31 MT of frozen roundscad and bigeye scad for wet markets (herein after referred to as "**CNI 6,302.31 MT**"), the following directives are hereby issued:

1. To ensure that the frozen roundscad and bigeye scad to be imported will not compete with local catch, all SPS Import Clearances to be issued under the CNI 6,302.31 MT shall automatically expire on 31 March 2021.
2. A bill of lading shall form part of the documentary requirements for the issuance of SPS Import Clearances to be issued under the CNI 6,302.31 MT.
3. Only importers of good standing may be allowed to participate in the importation. For this purpose, importer of good standing shall mean that the importer has met all of the following qualifications:
  - a) The importer has no SPSICs covered by the previous CNI that has been cancelled;
  - b) The importer was able to import at least seventy percent (70%) of the total volume issued during the last importation period;
  - c) The Bureau has not filed any case against the importer and vice versa;
  - d) The importer is willing to sell the imported fish at ₱88.00 wholesale price, as a result of the recently concluded auction system;
  - e) From the Custom Clearing House, the importer shall directly unload and trade the imported products at the PFDA Fish Ports;
  - f) The importer shall source-out supply from respectable source and not engaged in IUU Fishing; and
  - g) The importer must be able to have the imported roundscad or bigeye scad arrive in the Philippines within fifteen (15) days from receipt of SPSICs.

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4. The 6,302.31 MT volume shall be apportioned among the importers who shall meet the foregoing requirements based on their capacity.
5. All qualified importers shall strictly comply with Food Safety Standards, attached.
6. Transfer of allocation shall not be allowed.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until the arrival of the last shipment for this importation period.

Done this 22nd day of February 2021.



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Secretary



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