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DA ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR NO. 06 Series of 2021

SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF VALIDITY OF CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION ON THE EU APPROVED PHILIPPINE-FLAGGED FISHING VESSELS EXPIRING DURING THE STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Whereas, Proclamation No. 922 was issued on March 8, 2020 declaring a *State of Public Health Emergency* throughout the Philippines due to the outbreak of Corona Virus Disease (Covid-19) in the country which shall remain in force and effect until lifted or withdrawn by the President;

Whereas, Proclamation No. 929 was issued on March 16, 2020 declaring a *State of Calamity* throughout the Philippines due to Covid-19 for a period of six (6) months, unless earlier lifted or extended as circumstances may warrant;

Whereas, Proclamation No. 1021 was issued on September 16, 2020 declaring the extension of State of Calamity throughout the Philippines due to Covid-19 for a period of one (1) year, effective 13 September 2020 to 12 September 2021, unless earlier lifted or extended as circumstances may warrant;

Whereas, *Fisheries Administrative Order (FAO) No. 227*, series of 2008, requires the implementation of an inspection system for import and export of fishery/aquatic products and fish processing establishments consistent with international standards to ensure product quality and safety;

WHEREFORE, in view of the foregoing, all Certificate of Inspection as required under the Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP) Certification on the EU approved Philippine flagged fishing vessels expiring during the State of Public Health Emergency are hereby extended for a period of one (1) year from the date of expiration subject to all of the procedural as well as documentary requirements provided under the Fisheries Administrative Order No. 227, series of 2008.

Issued this 19th day of May 2021 in Quezon City, Philippines.



Secretary

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