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SPECIAL ORDER
NO. 984
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SUBJECT: GUIDELINES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FAO 259 IN RELATION TO THE CERTIFICATE OF NECESSITY TO IMPORT 11,015 MT OF FROZEN SMALL PELAGIC FISH FOR WET MARKETS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CONSUMING PUBLIC

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 11,015 MT of frozen small pelagic fish for wet markets (herein after referred to as “CNI 11,015 MT”), the following directives are hereby issued:

1. To ensure that the frozen small pelagic fish for wet markets to be imported will not compete with local catch, all SPS Import Clearances to be issued under the CNI 11,015 MT shall automatically expire on 31 January 2022.
2. The imported frozen small pelagic fish under the CNI 11,015 MT shall be immediately disposed and distributed to Visayas and Mindanao only specifically to the victims of typhoon Odette.
3. A bill of lading shall form part of the documentary requirements for the issuance of SPS Import Clearances to be issued under the CNI 11,015 MT.
4. 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 was able to import at least seventy percent (70%) of the total volume issued during the last importation period;
 - b) The Bureau has not filed any importation related case against the importer;
 - c) The importer is willing to sell the imported fish at ₱75.00 wholesale price;
 - d) From the Custom Clearing House, the importer shall directly unload and trade the imported products at the PFDA Fish Ports or PFDA designated trading areas;
 - e) The importer shall source-out supply from respectable source and not engaged in IUU Fishing; and



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- f) The importer must be able to have the imported frozen small pelagic fish arrive in the Philippines within thirty (30) days from the date of SPSICs but not later than 31 January 2022 and shall dispose the same within twenty (20) days upon arrival; and
 - g) The importer must have logistical advantage in the area of distribution including cold storage facility and distribution channels for the imported fish and fishery products.
5. The 11,015 MT volume shall be apportioned equally and directly distributed among importers who shall meet the foregoing requirements.
6. All qualified importers shall strictly comply with Food Safety Standards provided under the law and relevant regulations.
7. 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 30th day of December 2021.


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Secretary

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CERTIFICATE OF NECESSITY TO IMPORT 11,015 MT OF FROZEN SMALL PELAGIC FISH FOR WET MARKETS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CONSUMING PUBLIC

WHEREAS, a Certificate of Necessity to Import 60,000 MT of frozen small pelagic fish for wet markets (CNI 60,000 MT) was issued last 26 August 2021;

WHEREAS, after the conduct of auction, Fifty-One Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Six (51,426) metric tons were applied with Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary Import Clearance (SPSIC) by the importers;

WHEREAS, several approved SPSICs were not used and were surrendered by the importers, covering a total volume of 2,441 metric tons, leaving an unused volume of about 11,015 metric tons;

WHEREAS, there is still a necessity to import the remaining volume of 11,015 metric tons of frozen small pelagic fish for wet markets in order to augment the shortage in the supply of fish especially in areas affected by the typhoon Odette.

THEREFORE, in order to ensure national food security taking into consideration public welfare, the importation of 11,015 MT of frozen small pelagic fish for wet markets is hereby certified as necessary which shall be distributed to the Visayas and Mindanao only.

This certificate of necessity shall be valid upon signing and shall remain to be effective until 31 January 2022.

Signed this 30th day of December 2021.


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