



Republic of the Philippines  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**  
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## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

No. 10  
Series of 2022

**SUBJECT: GUIDELINES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FAO 259 IN RELATION TO THE CERTIFICATE OF NECESSITY TO IMPORT 38,695 MT OF FROZEN FISH AND FISHERY/AQUATIC PRODUCTS 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 38,695 MT of frozen fish and fishery/aquatic products during the second quarter of 2022 (herein after referred to as "**Q2 2022 CNI 38,695 MT**"), the following directives are hereby issued:

1. The imported frozen fish under the Q2 2022 CNI 38,695 MT shall be immediately disposed within twenty (20) days upon arrival thereof. Performance in the disposal as well as disposition reports may be taken as one of the considerations in determining the qualified importers for the next CNI that may be issued.
2. A bill of lading or pro-forma invoice shall form part of the documentary requirements for the issuance of SPS Import Clearances to be issued under the Q2 2022 CNI 38,695 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) Importer has not been filed with any case by BFAR in relation to violations of any food safety or importation rules and regulations;
  - b) The importer is willing to sell the imported fish at a price determined after the auction which shall not exceed 90 pesos and shall be traded only in any of the PFDA-designated trading area or PFDA fish ports for effective monitoring of fish disposition;
  - c) The importer is willing to pay five hundred pesos (P 500) for every metric ton of volume awarded;
  - 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;

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- e) The importer shall source-out supply from respectable source and not engaged in IUU Fishing; and
  - f) The importer shall allow BFAR Inspectors, quarantine officers, and law enforcers to conduct inspection and monitoring of the imported fish stored in the BFAR-registered storage facility and provide data for the purpose of performance evaluation of said CNI.
4. An initial volume of not less than 280 metric tons or equivalent to 10 container vans shall be allocated to each of the qualified importers, which they will immediately apply for an SPSIC with BFAR, the last day of which shall be by June 15, 2022.
  5. The BFAR shall immediately process SPSIC applications and endorse the same to the Secretary for approval.
  6. In the application for SPSIC, the importer shall indicate the Port of Entry and final destination of the imported small pelagic fish under this CNI. All importers shall likewise observe the timeline for applications of SPSICs as may be provided by BFAR.
  7. All qualified importers shall strictly comply with Food Safety Standards provided under the law and relevant regulations.
  8. 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2022.



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Secretary



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