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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
No. 53
Series of 2023

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO DA MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 43 SERIES OF 2020 "AMENDMENT TO MC 38 AND MC 39" SPECIFIC FOR MILLED RICE SHIPMENTS

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture recognizes the need to ensure enough supply and buffer stock to ensure availability, accessibility and affordability of safe rice

WHEREAS, most of the traders and millers are cooperating with the Department of Agriculture to ensure both the well being of local farmers and producers and national food security

NOW, THEREFORE, recognizing the need to protect the welfare of our local farmers and producers and the need to ensure food security, the following amendment to the MC 43 are adopted:

"The actual product/consignment must be shipped-out within thirty (30) days from the date the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Import Clearance (SPSIC) is issued, regardless of the country of origin. This shipment is still subject to plant quarantine procedures at the port of entry upon arrival.

Furthermore, the importers shall fully utilize their applied SPSICs. Low or no utilization of SPSICs may result to sanctions and penalties in accordance with the guidelines as this can create discrepancies in the forecasting being done in relation to the availability of rice supply."

All existing Department Circulars, Rules and Regulations, Orders or parts thereof, inconsistent with this Order's provisions are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

If any portion of this Order is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other parts thereof, which are not affected, shall continue to be in full force and effect.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 04th day of December 2023.

FRANCISCO TIU LAUREL JR.
Secretary



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