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MEMORANDUM ORDER

NO. 14

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SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SPSIC FOR THE IMPORTATION OF ROUND SCAD, MACKEREL AND BONITO UNDER FAO 195

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture received several reports that fish and fishery/aquatic products imported under Fisheries Administrative Order No. 195, series of 1999 (FAO 195), intended for canning, processing or for institutional buyers, are being diverted to wet markets;

WHEREAS, the top commodities that are identified as prone to diversion are Roundscad, Bonito and Mackerel;

NOW, THEREFORE, recognizing the need to prevent diversion to wet markets of fish imported under FAO 195, the issuance of SPS Import Clearances (SPSICs) for the importation of frozen round scad, bonito and mackerel imported under Fisheries Administrative Order No. 195, series of 1999 (FAO No. 195) for canning, processing and for institutional buyers is hereby suspended except for the importation of mackerel for canning purposes provided that, the volume thereof shall be based on the vatable sales of the canned product from the previous year with additional ten percent (10%) of said sales for buffer.

In addition to the labeling requirements provided for under FAO 195, all imported fish shall be labeled in a clear and readable font size, as follows:

"IMPORTED UNDER FAO 195 FOR CANNING PURPOSES ONLY AND NOT FOR SALE OR DISTRIBUTION TO WET MARKETS AND SUPERMARKETS."

This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of issuance and shall remain in force unless revoked in writing. All previous issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby revoked.

Done this 14 day of APRIL 2024.

FRANCISCO P. TIU LAUREL, JR.
Secretary



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