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MEMORANDUM

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TO : ALL DISTRICT COLLECTORS
ALL SUB-PORT COLLECTORS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM : **ATTY. EDWARD JAMES A. DY BUCO**
Deputy Commissioner
Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group

SUBJECT : Request from the Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Plant Industry (DA-BPI) to Inform BPI Personnel at the Ports of Entry of all Incoming Agricultural Consignments

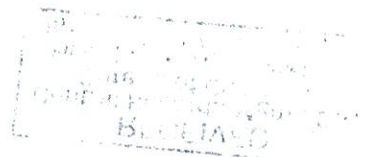
DATE : December 12, 2022

This has reference to the attached letter dated December 5, 2022 from Mr. Gerald Glenn F. Panganiban, OIC-Director, BPI seeking continuous cooperation and collaboration to help prevent the entry of agricultural commodities without the proper documentation (e.g., Sanitary and Phytosanitary Import Clearance).

Also, BPI requests to inform the BPI personnel at the ports of entry in order to inspect all imported agricultural consignments and ensure their Sanitary and Phytosanitary integrity and to safeguard our borders from pests and diseases.

In view of this, you are hereby directed to coordinate all incoming agricultural commodities with the assigned BPI personnel from your respective jurisdictions.

For your appropriate action.





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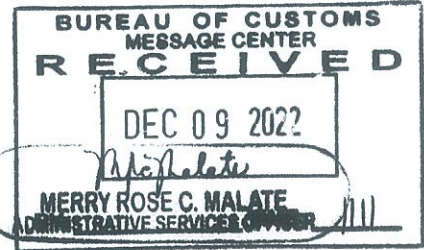
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December 5, 2022

COMMISSIONER YOGI FILEMON RUIZ
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
G/F OCOM Building, 16th Street,
South Harbor, Port Area, Manila



Dear **Commissioner Ruiz**:

Greetings!

We would like to express our gratitude to your good office for your continuous support in strengthening our border protection from possible entry of plant quarantine pests and implementation of food safety activities. As part of our commitments and as mandated, the DA-Wide Field Inspectorate and BPI-Allium Monitoring Team conducted monitoring in cold/dry storage warehouses, production areas, and in public and private markets to determine the inventory of onions in the country.

Last December 2, 2022, the said team together with Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), NCR Regional Special Operations Group (NCR-RSOG) and Bureau of Customs (BOC) were able to verify alleged fresh yellow onions in Divisoria market and storage facilities (facilities' name were not disclosed). The team confiscated the commodities since the Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI) has not yet issued Sanitary and Phytosanitary Import Clearance (SPSIC) for the importation of fresh yellow onion. (Reports of confiscations in the market and storage facilities in NCR are also attached).

Despite our efforts to address the issues, proliferation of prohibited imported commodities in the market not only in NCR but in other regions as well are still observed. It is in this regard, that we seek your continuous cooperation and collaboration to help prevent the entry of such agricultural commodities without proper documentation (e.g. SPSICs). Further, we request assistance from your good office to inform BPI personnel at the ports of entry in order to inspect imported agricultural consignments and ensure their Sanitary and Phytosanitary integrity. Also, to safeguard our borders from pests and diseases.

Thank you very much in advance and we hope for your usual support.

Very truly yours,

GERALD GLENN F. PANGANIBAN, Ph.D.
OIC-Director

