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**MEMORANDUM**

**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 :** Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Recommendation for  
The Release of Donated Food Products from Convoy of  
Hope to CONVOY OF HOPE PHILIPPINES, INC.

**DATE :** 26 January 2023

Forwarding the herein attached letter dated 13 January 2023 addressed to Mr. Luis Jose Raymundo S. Sasuman, Chief of Operations and Finance, Convoy of Hope Philippines, Inc. from Director Pilar Marilyn M. Pagayunan, Center for Food Regulation and Research, FDA, recommending clearance for the release of donated food products from Convoy of Hope to CONVOY OF HOPE PHILIPPINES, INC. with information that the release shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. the products shall have been inspected and cleared by a representative from FDA – Regional Field Office;
2. the clearance shall only be for the release of the products from this Bureau and shall not be construed as an authorization for its distribution, sale, offer for sales, and use;
3. FDA shall not be held liable for any damage, injury, illness, death that may result from the distribution and use of the donated food products; and
4. the clearance is without prejudice to existing tariff rules and customs regulations.

For information and appropriate action.



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Health  
**FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION**



13 January 2023

**MR. LUIS JOSE RAYMUNDO S. SASUMAN**  
Chief of Operations and Finance  
**Convoy of Hope Philippines, Inc.**  
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Dear **Mr. Sasuman**:

Please be informed that this Office recommends the release of the following food product donated by Convoy of Hope – 330 S. Patterson Springfield, MO 65802, US to **CONVOY OF HOPE PHILIPPINES, INC.** located at Municipal Nursery, Sta. Rosa 1, Marilao, Bulacan, Philippines:

Product Name	Quantity	Expiry Date
Fortified Rice & Soy Protein Meal	1,320 cases	June 2024
Container Number CAIU 7585990 Seal 401010		

The release of said donated food products is on the condition that the said product **shall have been inspected and cleared** by a representative from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) – Regional Field Office.

This clearance shall only be for the RELEASE of the product from the Bureau of Customs and shall not be construed as an authorization for its distribution, sale, offer for sales and use. FDA shall not be held liable for any damage, injury, illness, death that may result from the distribution and use of the donated food product.

This clearance is without prejudice to existing tariff rules and customs regulations.

For inspection schedule, please contact the FDA – Regional Field Office at [rfoncr@fda.gov.ph](mailto:rfoncr@fda.gov.ph).

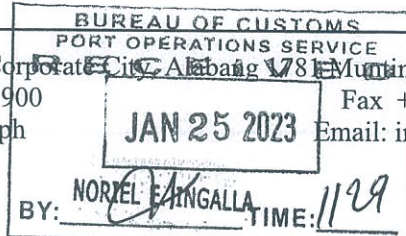
Very truly yours,

**PILAR MARILYN M. PAGAYUNAN**  
Director IV  
Center for Food Regulation and Research

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