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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

MEMORANDUM

TO : THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR
Manila International Container Port

THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR
NAIA Customhouse

THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR
Port of Zamboanga

THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR
Port of Davao

Attention: THE PORT COLLECTOR
Sub Port of General Santos

FROM : JOHN P. SEVILLA

SUBJECT : Meeting with the European Union (EU) Directorate-General for
Maritime Affairs and Fisheries' (DG-MARE)

DATE : 19 May 2014

In connection to the attached letter dated 8 May 2014 from Atty. Asis G. Perez, Director, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, relative to the European Union (EU) Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries' (DG-MARE) audit to assess the Philippines' compliance in addressing illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing (IUUF) as a requirement for continuous market access of our country's fish and fishery products to the EU, you are hereby instructed to attend or send a representative to the meeting with the DG-MARE team on June 4, 2014, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the BFAR Conference Room, 3rd Floor, PCA Main Bldg., Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City.

For your compliance.


JOHN P. SEVILLA
Commissioner



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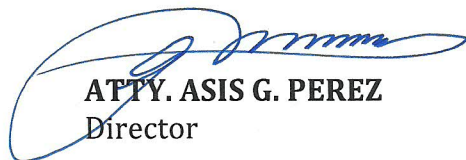
Dear Commissioner Sevilla:

The European Union (EU) Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG-MARE) is conducting an audit on June 3-6, 2014, to assess the Philippines' compliance to address illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing (IUUF) as a requirement for continuous market access of our fish and fishery products to EU.

In line with this, we are respectfully inviting you and the District Collectors of the ports of General Santos City, Zamboanga City, NAIA and MICP to meet with the DG-MARE team on **June 4, 2014, 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM** at **BFAR Conference Room**, 3rd Floor, PCA Main Building, Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City as specifically requested by the EU DG-MARE. The presence of high-level officials would indicate the importance given by government to addressing the IUUF concerns of our market. It is imperative that we be able to answer all the issues raised by DG-MARE specifically on traceability of fish and fishery products in the ports of General Santos City, Zamboanga City, NAIA and MICP to prevent the yellow tagging or pre-identification of the Philippines as a non cooperating state by the EU. We likewise request that customs data and other relevant documents that would be needed by DG-MARE be brought to the meeting.

Your usual support and cooperation is highly appreciated.

Very truly yours,


ATTY. ASIS G. PEREZ
Director

cc: *Hon. Proceso J. Alcala*
Secretary of Agriculture

Hon. Cesar V. Purisima
Secretary of Finance

Hon. Gregory L. Domingo
Secretary of Trade and Industry

