



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE  
**BUREAU OF CUSTOMS**  
MANILA 1099

September 23, 2016

**CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
NO. 139-2016

**TO:** All Deputy Commissioners  
All Directors and Division Chiefs  
All District / Port Collectors  
And Others Concerned

**SUBJECT:** Clarification to Memorandum Circular No. AO-2016-09-005  
re: *Importation of 805,200 Metric Tons, White Rice under the  
Minimum Access Volume (MAV) Country Specific Quota (CSQ)  
and Omnibus Origin Rice Importation Program by the Private  
Sector for CY 2016*

Attached is the letter dated September 19, 2016 of Director Lemuel R. Pagayunan, Grains Marketing Operations Department, National Food Authority (NFA), providing this Bureau with a copy of the Clarification to Memorandum Circular No. AO-2016-09-005 entitled, "Clarification to the General Guidelines in the Importation of 805,200 Metric Tons, White Rice under the Minimum Access Volume Country Specific Quota (MAV-CSQ) and the Minimum Access Volume Omnibus Origins (MAV-OMB) for the Year 2016 by the Private Sector".

For your information and guidance.

Please confirm the dissemination of this circular throughout your offices within fifteen (15) days from receipt hereof.

  
**NICANOR E. FAELDON**  
Commissioner



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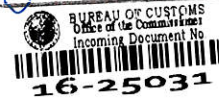
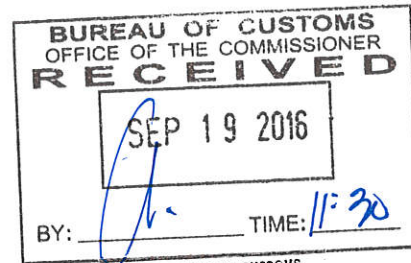
19 September 2016

**HON. NICANOR E. FAELDON**

Commissioner

**Bureau of Customs**

Port Area, Manila



**Dear Commissioner Faeldon:**

In furtherance to our letter dated September 08, 2016, on the National Food Authority (NFA) implementation of the importation of the 805,200 MT Minimum Access Volume (MAV) Country Specific Quota (CSQ) and Omnibus Origin Rice Importation Program by the Private Sector for CY 2016, we are providing you the attached clarification for your information and reference.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lemuel R. Pagayunan".

**LEMUEL R. PAGAYUNAN**

Director

**Grains Marketing Operations Department**

Cc: **ATTY. ERWIN T. MENDOZA**  
*Acting Director, Legal Service and  
Executive Director, RATS Group*

# NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY

Quezon City

## CLARIFICATION TO MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

No. AO-2016-09-005 dated: September 06, 2016

September 15, 2016

TO : ALL CONCERNED

SUBJECT : **CLARIFICATIONS TO THE GENERAL GUIDELINES IN THE IMPORTATION OF 805,200 METRIC TONS, WHITE RICE UNDER THE MINIMUM ACCESS VOLUME COUNTRY SPECIFIC QUOTA (MAV-CSQ) AND THE MINIMUM ACCESS VOLUME OMNIBUS ORIGINS (MAV-OMB) FOR THE YEAR 2016 BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR**

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The following are clarifications to Memorandum Circular AO-2016-09-005 of the General Guidelines in the Importation of 805,200 Metric Tons, White Rice under the Minimum Access Volume Country Specific Quota (MAV-CSQ) and the Minimum Access Volume Omnibus Origin (MAV-OMB) for the Year 2016 by the Private Sector:

### I. Section IV - Requirements for Eligibility

#### 1.4 Financial Documents

- a. Audited Financial Statements, stamped "RECEIVED" by the Bureau of Internal Revenue stated in Section 1.4.1

*should read as:*

**"2015 Audited Financial Statements, stamped "RECEIVED" by the Bureau of Internal Revenue."**

- b. Certified True Copy of its Income Tax Return (ITR) duly received by BIR or its authorized bank stated in Section 1.4.3

*should read as:*

**"Certified True Copy of its 2014 and 2015 Income Tax Return (ITR) duly received by BIR or its authorized bank."**

- c. Summary of Assets and Liabilities on the basis of income tax return ...xxx...collecting agent stated in Section 1.4.4

*should read as:*

**"Summary of Assets and Liabilities on the basis of 2015 income tax return ...xxx...collecting agent."**



**II. Section X – Issuance and Use of Import Permit (IP)**

- a. To obtain an Import Permit (Annex 9), the importer shall submit to GMOD-FOD electronic copies of shipping documents submitted to the LBP not later than five (5) days the arrival of the carrying vessel at designated Port of Discharge stated in Section X.1

*should read as:*

“To obtain an Import Permit (Annex 9), the importer shall submit to GMOD-FOD electronic copies of shipping documents submitted to the LBP **not later than five (5) days before the arrival of the carrying vessel at designated Port of Discharge.**”

- b. The importer shall provide...xxx... not later than five (5) days the arrival of the shipment stated in Section X.2

*should read as:*

“The importer shall provide...xxx... **not later than five (5) days before the arrival of the shipment.**”

**III. Section XIV – Event of Force Majeure**

- a. Should performance of the importer’s obligation...xxx... be prevented by an event of Force Majeure, the importer may request....xxx.....by submitting within five (5) days...xxx...event of Force Majeure, a written notice...xxx..... the extension stated in Section XIV.1

*should read as:*

“Should performance of the importer’s obligation...xxx... be prevented by an event of Force Majeure **or the occurrence of a legal holiday**, the importer may request....xxx.....by submitting within five (5) days...xxx...event of Force Majeure **and/or the end of a legal holiday**, a written notice...xxx..... the extension.”

**IV. Annex 9 –Import Permit (IP)**

Information at the lower left portion of the Import Permit should include **“Name of Supplier/Shipper”** before the Commodity Specification.

For the information and reference of all concerned.

  
**LEMUEL PAGAYUNAN**  
Director  
Grains Marketing Operations Department