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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS

MEMORANDUM

TO : DISTRICT AND SUB-PORT COLLECTORS,
ALL SEA PORTS

ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : Seizure of Rice Shipments with no Import Permits

DATE : 25 January 2017

Section X (4) of NFA Memorandum Circular No. AO-2016-09-005 with Clarification provides that:

“The shipment shall be considered illegal in the event the shipment has no valid import permit.

Failure of the importer to secure a valid Import Permit for its rice shipment shall be considered a violation of these Guidelines and shall result in the non-processing of any succeeding import permit applications.”

In view thereof, you are directed to seize all rice shipments with no import permits presented upon arrival.

For strict and immediate compliance.



NICANOR E. FAELDON
Commissioner



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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

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."

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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.


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