CUSTO MS MEMORANDUM ORDER
NO. 7-2003

SUBJECT : Shipping Clearance for Rice Shipments

Pursuant to the letter, dated 26 March 2003, of Atty. ARTHUR C. YAP, NFA Administrator, to Sec. JOSE ISIDRO N. CAMACHO, Department of Finance, it is hereby directed that:

1. NFA Shipping Clearance shall be required for every 300 bags of rice or above, local or imported, transferred by means of water transport.

2. Absence of said clearance can be a ground for the seizure/confiscation of a rice shipment.

3. The authorized ports of discharge for rice importations under the Farmers As Importers Program are:
   - Port of Manila
   - MICP
   - Port of Batangas
   - Port of Cebu
   - Port of Cagayan de Oro

Any issuance/order contrary to or inconsistent with this Order are deemed modified/repealed accordingly.

Effective immediately.

ANTONIO M. BERNARDO
Commissioner

Cc: Sec. Jose Isidro N. Camacho, DoF
Atty. Arthur C. Yap
NFA Administrator
26 March 2003

Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho
Department of Finance
Manila

Dear Secretary Camacho:

Reference is made to NFA Letter Circular AO-2k1-08-001 dated August 7, 2001 where NFA Shipping Clearance is required for every 300 bags of rice or above, local or imported, transferred by means of water transport. We shall be expecting more than the usual movement of rice stocks due to the arrival of imported rice purchased by farmers' organizations.

Reminders were already made to our field offices in the issuance of the clearance hence, the absence of a Shipping Clearance can be a ground for the seizure/confiscation of the rice shipment.

Further, be informed that under the Farmers As Importers Program of the NFA, the following are the authorized port of discharge/disport, to wit:

1. Manila International Container Port (MICP)
2. Port of Cebu
3. Port of Manila
4. Port of Cagayan de Oro
5. Port of Batangas

Thank you and be assured of our continued cooperation in matters of general concern.

Very truly yours,

ATTY. ARTHUR C. YAP
NFA Administrator