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TO : ALL DISTRICT AND SUB-PORT COLLECTORS
ALL DEPUTY COLLECTORS FOR OPERATION
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM :  **YOGI FILEMON L. RUIZ**
Acting Commissioner  BOC-02-11929

SUBJECT : STREAMLINING THE DISPOSITION OF FORFEITED
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

DATE : 25 August 2022

In the exigency of service and to ensure that all possible manner of disposition is available to the Bureau, you are hereby **DIRECTED** to ensure that upon apprehension of alleged smuggled agricultural products, a representative from the concerned regulatory agency shall secure a sample and determine if the same is fit for consumption.

During the testing of the sample, the reefer or refrigerated containers shall remain plugged in to maintain the required temperature for the specific shipment. Once determined to be fit for human consumption, the shipment shall continue to be plugged in until the seizure and forfeiture proceedings have been terminated and the agricultural products have been properly disposed of.

If, on the other hand, the sample has been certified as hazardous, unsafe, deficient, damages, adulterated or unfit for human consumption, the container may be unplugged and the disposition thereof shall commence pursuant to existing modes under DAO No. 09 (series of 2010).

For your strict compliance.