

## BUREAU OF CUSTOMS

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AOCG Memo No. 87 - 2023

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO

ALL DISTRICT COLLECTORS

ALL SUB-PORT COLLECTORS **ALL OTHERS CONCERNED** 

**FROM** 

EATTY. EDWARD JAMES A. DY BUCO

**Deputy Commissioner** 

Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group

SUBJECT

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Recommendation for

The Release of Donated Food Products from Feed My

Starving Children to INTERNATIONAL CARE MINISTRIES

FOUNDATION, INC. (ICMFI)

DATE

10 February 2023

Forwarding the herein attached letter dated 26 January 2023 addressed to Mr. Edgardo Sta. Ana, ICMFI Logistics Manager, International Care Ministries Foundation, Inc. from Director Pilar Marilyn M. Pagayunan, Center for Food Regulation and Research, FDA, recommending clearance for the release of donated food products from Feed My Starving Children to ICMFI with information that the release shall be subject to the following conditions:

- 1. the products shall have been inspected and cleared by a representative from FDA – Regional Field Office;
- 2. the clearance shall solely be for the release of the products from this Bureau and shall not be construed as an authorization for its distribution, sale, offer for sales, and use;
- 3. FDA shall not be held liable for any damage, injury, illness, death that may result from the distribution and use of the donated food products; and
- 4. the clearance is without prejudice to existing tariff rules and customs regulations.

For information and appropriate action.

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## Republic of the Philippines Department of Health FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



26 January 2023



MR. EDGARDO STA. ANA

**ICMFI** Logistics Manager International Care Ministries Foundation, Inc. ICM Building, Lizares Avenue, Brgy. 39, Bacolod City

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MESSAGE CENTER
CEIVEL BUREAU FEB 0 6 2023 TIME:

Dear Mr. Sta. Ana:

Please be informed that this Office recommends the release of the following food products donated by Feed My Starving Children -401 93rd Avenue NW Coon Rapids, MN 55433 USA to INTERNATIONAL CARE MINISTRIES FOUNDATION, INC. located at ICM Building, Lizares Avenue, Brgy. 39, Bacolod City:

Product Name	Quantity	<b>Expiry Date</b>
MannaPack <sup>™</sup> Rice (14-1kg bag) Rice Fortified Rice and Soy Meal (White rice, textured soy protein, dehydrated vegetables, vegetarian flavoring with a vitamin and mineral blend)		Earliest of which is January 2025
Container Number TRHU 8277330	Seal Number UL-9718465	

The release of said donated food products is on the condition that the said product shall have been inspected and cleared by a representative from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) - Regional Field Office.

This clearance shall only be for the RELEASE of the product from the Bureau of Customs and shall not be construed as an authorization for its distribution, sale, offer for sales and use. FDA shall not be held liable for any damage, injury, illness, death that may result from the distribution and use of the donated food product.

This clearance is without prejudice to existing tariff rules and customs regulations.

For inspection schedule, please contact the FDA - Regional Field Office at rfoncr@fda.gov.ph.

Very truly yours,

RILYN M. PAGAYUNAN

Director IV

Center for Food Regulation and Research

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