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MEMORANDUM

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TO : ALL DISTRICT COLLECTORS
ALL SUB-PORT COLLECTORS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM :  YOGI FILEMON L. RUIZ
Acting Commissioner *YFR*



BOC-09-34151

SUBJECT : REQUEST OF BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY (BPI) FOR ASSISTANCE TO SEIZE AND CONFISCATE ALL FRESH ONION IMPORTATIONS WITHOUT APPROVED SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY IMPORT CLEARANCE (SPSIC)

DATE : 18 October 2022

This has reference to the attached letter dated 22 September 2022 from Dr. Gerald Glenn F. Panganiban, OIC - Director, Bureau of Plant Industry, Department of Agriculture (BPI-DA) relative to the presence of imported fresh onion in different online selling platforms.

To date, BPI has not yet issued any Sanitary and Phytosanitary Import Clearance (SPSIC) for the importation of fresh yellow onion and fresh red onion. Thus, there should be no arrival and clearance at the different ports of the said commodities.

In view of the foregoing, you are hereby directed to seize and confiscate all fresh onion importations that will be arriving without approved SPSIC. This will ensure that only plants, planting materials, and plant products that are authorized by BPI under applicable laws are allowed to enter the country.

For strict compliance.



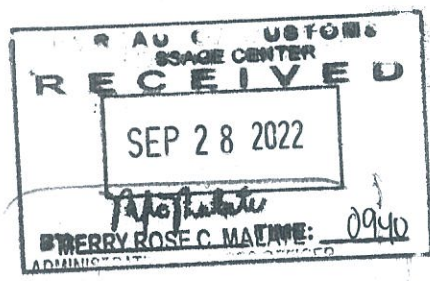
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September 22, 2022

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 Acting Commissioner
 Bureau of Customs
 G/F OCOM Building,
 Port Area, Manila



Dear Commissioner Ruiz,

Greeting from the Bureau of Plant Industry

First off, we would like to thank your office on the continuous assistance and support you are providing us for the implementation of Plant Quarantine (PQ) rules and regulations at border.

We are writing this letter in relation to presence of imported fresh onion in different online selling platforms. To date, BPI has not yet issued any Sanitary and Phytosanitary Import Clearance (SPSIC) for the importation of fresh yellow onion and fresh red onion. Thus, there should be no arrival and clearance at the different ports of the said commodities.

In this regard, we are respectfully requesting your good office for further assistance in disseminating this information to all BOC field offices at the ports of entry and to seize and confiscate all fresh onion importations that will be arriving without and approved SPSIC. This will ensure that only plants, planting materials, and plant products that are authorized by BPI under applicable laws are allowed to enter the country.

Should you have inquiries regarding this matter, please feel free to contact our office at 8525-2987, 8521-7650 and 8332-7567.

Attached here are screenshots of available fresh onion online.

Looking forward to your usual cooperation regarding this matter. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

GERALD GLENN F. PANGANIBAN, PhD.
 OIC-Director

