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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM : *→* **ATTY. 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 Rise Against
Hunger to INTERNATIONAL CARE MINISTRIES FOUNDATION,
INC.

DATE : 11 October 2022

Forwarding the herein attached letter dated 23 September 2022 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 Rise Against Hunger to INTERNATIONAL CARE MINISTRIES FOUNDATION, INC. 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.

However, after the FDA's evaluation of the submitted documents, it is noted that a lot/batch have a best used by dates (18, 19 and 26 of January 2023) of less than six (6) months from the date of arrival to the Philippines. As per Section VI.B.3.b of Administrative Order No. 2020-0001 *Guidelines in the Importation, Facilitation and Management of Foreign Donations involving Health and Health-related Products*, the application for release and certification of products with very near expiry (less than 6 months) lot/batch for Dehydrated Rice-Soy Casseroles with Micronutrient Sachets is **DENIED** by the FDA.

For information and appropriate action.

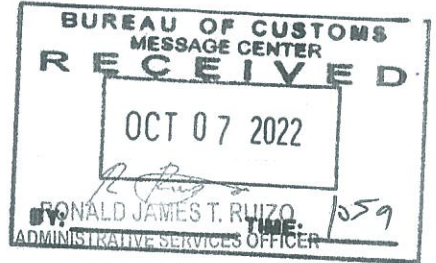


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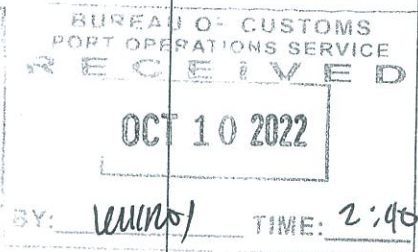
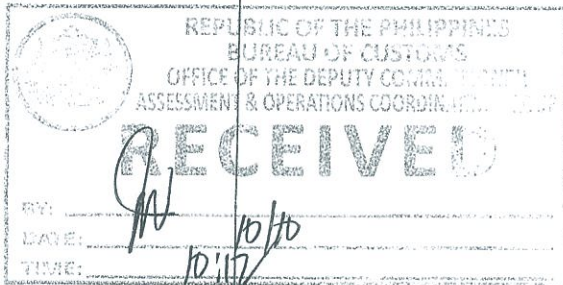
MR. EDGARDO STA. ANA
 ICMFI Logistics Manager
International Care Ministries Foundation Inc.
 Unit W-1701, 17th Floor, Philippine Stock Exchange Road,
 Ortigas Center, Pasig City



Dear Mr. Sta. Ana:

Please be informed that this Office recommends the release of the following food products donated by Rise Against Hunger – 4801 Glenwood Ave., Suite 200 Raleigh, North Carolina, U.S.A. to **INTERNATIONAL CARE MINISTRIES FOUNDATION INC.** located at Unit W-1701, 17th Floor, Philippine Stock Exchange Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City, Philippines:

Product Name	Quantity	Expiry Date
Dehydrated Rice-Soy Casseroles with Micronutrient Sachets	1,320 boxes	With Best Used by Date: 6/4/2023 7/16/2023 7/21/2023 7/30/2023 8/14/2023 8/26/2023 9/16/2023 9/18/2023 9/20/2023 9/26/2023 9/30/2023 10/10/2023 10/16/2023 10/17/2023 10/19/2023 10/23/2023 10/24/2023 10/27/2023
Container Number FSCU8629766		Seal Number 1635704



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.

However, please be informed that upon evaluation of the submitted documents, it is noted that a lot/batch have a best used by date (18, 19 and 26 January 2023) of less than six (6) months from the date of arrival to the Philippines. As per Section VI.B.3.b of Administrative Order No. 2020-0001 *Guidelines in the Importation, Facilitation and Management of Foreign Donations involving Health and Health-related Products* your application for release and certification of products with near expiry (less than 6 months) lot/batch for Dehydrated Rice-Soy Casseroles with Micronutrient Sachets as donation is hereby **DENIED**.

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

For inspection schedule, please contact the FDA – RFO at rfoncr@fda.gov.ph

Very truly yours,


PILAR MARILYN M. PAGAYUNAN
Director IV
Center for Food Regulation and Research

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