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CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 128-2022

To: All Deputy Commissioners
All Service Directors
All District/Port Collectors
All Others Concerned

SUBJECT: NON-ISSUANCE OF SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY IMPORT CLEARANCE (SPSIC) FOR THE IMPORTATION OF FRESH ONIONS (YELLOW AND RED)


With reference to the attached letter dated 12 August 2022 from Gerald Glenn F. Panganiban, OIC-Director, Bureau of Plant Industry – Department of Agriculture (BPI-DA), please be informed that BPI-DA has not yet issued any SPSIC for the importation of fresh yellow and red onions.

Accordingly, BPI-DA requests to seize and/or forfeit all importation of fresh onions.

This will ensure that only plants, planting materials and plant products as authorized by BPI-DA under applicable laws are allowed to enter the country.

For information and strict compliance.

For record purposes, please confirm the dissemination of this Circular throughout your offices within fifteen (15) days from receipt hereof.


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YOGI FILEMON L. RUIZ
Acting Commissioner *Y*



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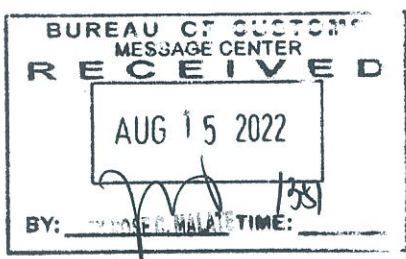
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August 12, 2022

YOGI FILEMON L. RUIZ
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 the importation of fresh onions (yellow and red) into the Philippines. 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. The Certificate of Need to Import (CNI) is awaiting the comments of the farmer groups and will be subject for approval of the Department of Agriculture prior to issuance of SPSIC. Thus, there should be no arrival and clearance at the different ports of the said commodities.

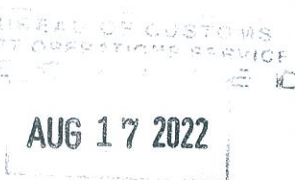
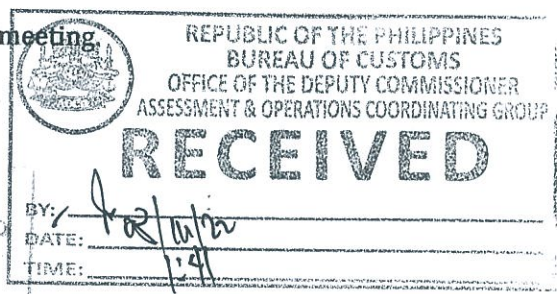
In this regard, we are respectfully requesting your good office for further assistance in disseminating this information to all BOC field offices at the ports of entry and to seize and confiscate all fresh onion importations that will be arriving without and approved SPSIC. This will ensure that only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

Furthermore, we wish to have a dialogue with your good office, at your most convenient time, to discuss other matters in relation to onion importation and possible areas of collaboration to further strengthen the coordination of our offices. You may coordinate with Ms. Zyrine Lorizo of NPQSD Import Section through Tel. nos. (02) 251-2267, (02) 251-2262 or email at pqsbp@gmail.com.

Thank you for your usual support and looking forward to our meeting.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
GERALD GLENN F. PANGANIBAN
OIC-Director



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