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**MEMORANDUM** 

TO

ALL DISTRICT/PORT COLLECTORS

**FROM** 

Commissioner In

JAN 24 2019

SUBJECT

REQUEST FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF IMPORTED RICE

FROM THE CONSIGNEE, PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL

TRADING CORPORATION (PITC)

DATE

22 January 2019

With reference to the attached letter dated January 10, 2019 from Atty. Ernesto D. Cahucom, Acting Department Manager, National Food Authority (NFA), you are hereby directed to issue a certification on whether or not shipments of imported rice arrived at the ports within your jurisdiction in 2018 with PITC being the consignee.

The said certification is in line with the ongoing investigation of the NFA regarding spurious import permits bearing Serial Nos. MAVCSQ2017-01-819. MAVCSQ2017-01-820 and MAVCSQ2017-993 allegedly issued by the NFA to PITC.

For strict and immediate compliance.



MPORTS ASSESMENT SERVICE

Philippine Sugar Center Bldg., North Ave., Diliman, Quezon City Tel. No. (02) 453-3900/98

January 10, 2019

### REY LEONARDO B. GUERRERO

Bureau of Customs POM Bldg., Port Area Manila

Dear Comm. Guerrero:



We write your good office relative to the investigation being conducted by the National Food Authority (NFA) on the spurious Import Permits (IPs) allegedly issued by NFA to the Philippine International Trading Corporation (PITC).

On December 18, 2017, Dave M. Almarinez, President and CEO of PITC wrote to then Administrator Jason L.Y. Aquino on his request for investigation relative to the alleged anomalous activities involving three (3) IPs bearing Serial Nos. MAVCSQ2017-01-819, MAVCSQ2017-01-820 and MAVCSQ2017-993 purportedly issued to PTIC which were being offered/sold by unscrupulous individual or parties to traders/importers. Photocopies of the IPs are hereto attached as *Annexes "A" to "A-2"*.

PITC came to know about these IPs when its International Trading Services Group (ITSG) had received communications from Vietnam suppliers and Philippine Importers verifying the legitimacy of said IPs.

In his request, he also stated that said IPs were fake/fabricated because PITC has not applied for any rice imports with NFA and neither had authorized any party to apply for and in behalf of PITC for such permits for the year 2017.

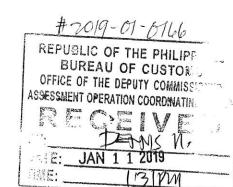
On December 27, 2017, Administrator Aquino, replied to the letter of Mr. Almarinez with the confirmation that NFA has not issued any of the above-mentioned IPS under the 2017 Minimum Access Volume (MAV) Rice Importation Program.

In view of the foregoing, may we request for a certification whether or not shipments of imported rice arrived at the ports within your jurisdiction in 2018 with PITC being the consignee.

Hoping for your usually prompt action on the matter.

Very truly yours,

ATTY ERNESTO D. CAHUCOM Acting Department Manager, SSID



# IMPORT PERMIT

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## PRILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL TRADING CORPORATION

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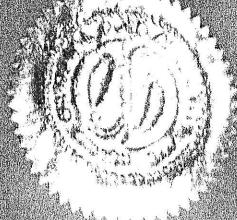
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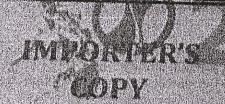
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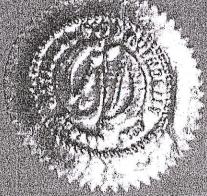
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