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MEMORANDUM

DCOM Memo No. 143-2021

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

FROM : REY LEONARDO B. GUERRERO  BOC-03-12162
Commissioner

SUBJECT : ANTI-SMUGGLING MEASURES ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

DATE : 15 October 2021

With reference to the attached letters dated 26 and 28 September 2021 from Director George Y. Culaste, Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI) and Secretary William D. Dar, Department of Agriculture (DA), respectively, be informed that the BPI-DA **has not issued** any Sanitary and Phytosanitary Import Clearance (SPSIC) for the importation of fresh carrots. This is in relation to the reports of importation of fresh carrots from People's Republic of China (PROC) into the Philippines.

In view thereof, you are hereby directed to:

- endorse for the conduct of a joint inspection of all consignments of plant origin to Plant Quarantine Service (PQS) offices in your respective ports;
- seize and confiscate all importations of agricultural products without the required SPSIC issued by the BPI;
- allow Plant Quarantine (PQ) officers/inspectors to have access to X-ray monitor control centers/rooms as necessary upon request; and
- establish a monitoring unit which shall monitor, prepare, and consolidate monthly reports (in Microsoft Excel) summarizing the released/seized/abandoned agricultural and fishery products based on the format stipulated in Section 3.2 of Customs Memorandum Order (CMO) No. 4-2007 to be submitted electronically to POS, AOCG through pos@customs.gov.ph as the Centralized Monitoring Unit.

Attached herewith is a copy of CMO No. 4-2007, for ready reference.

For strict compliance.