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TO : ALL DISTRICT AND SUB-PORT COLLECTORS
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ALL FORMAL ENTRY DIVISION PERSONNEL
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FROM : REY LEONARDO B. GUERRERO
Commissioner, BOC

SUBJECT : REQUESTS TO PRIORITIZE THE UNLOADING AND ALL
NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS IN RELATION TO FISH
IMPORTATION UNDER FAO 259

DATE : November 2, 2021



BOC-03-12444

Reference is the herein attached letter addressed to the Commissioner of Customs dated October 19, 2021 from Commodore Eduardo B. Gongona, PCG (Ret.), National Director, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), Department of Agriculture (DA) requesting to prioritize the unloading and all necessary arrangements in relation to fish importations under the aforesaid FAO in order to fast track the delivery of these imported products into the wet markets and to arrest the increasing trend of fish prices due to limited supply.

For information and compliance.



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BUREAU OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES
 Fisheries Bldg. Complex, BPI Compound, Visayas Ave.,
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October 19, 2021

HON. REY LEONARDO B. GUERRERO
 Commissioner
 Bureau of Customs
 G/F, OCOM Bldg, Muelle de San Francisco
 Port Area, Manila, Metro Manila

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Subject: *Request to prioritize the unloading and other necessary arrangements in relation to imported fishery products under Fisheries Administrative Order 259*

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Dear Commissioner Guerrero:

The Secretary of the Department of Agriculture issued a Certificate of Necessity to Import (CNI) 60,000 metric tons of small pelagic fish species for the wet markets last August 26, 2021. That volume has already been auctioned to qualified importers consistent with the provisions of Fisheries Administrative Order 259 (FAO259) and other relevant Orders issued by the Department of Agriculture. The issuance of the CNI coincides with the implementation of close fishing season in some of our major fishing grounds in the country particularly for small pelagic fishes that starts from November of the current year until March of the following year. During this period, supply of small pelagic fishes like galunggong, mackerel, bonito, among others, are low hence the need to import in order to stabilize supply and prices.

The arrival and unloading of imported fish products under the above-mentioned issuance are already on-going. To fast track the delivery of these imported products into the wet markets, and to arrest the increasing trend of fish prices due to limited supply, we are respectfully requesting your good office to prioritize the unloading and all necessary arrangements in relation to fish importation under FAO259. In view of the need for the Bureau of Customs (BOC) inspectors/examiners to be present also at the second border, we are humbly requesting further that full time BOC inspectors be assigned at the Navotas Fish Port Complex who will join BFAR and PFDA's fish inspectors in the conduct of speedy second border inspection.

Hoping for your usual support and favorable response to our humble requests.

Thank you.

Respectfully yours,

Commodore EDUARDO B GONGONA, PCG (Ret.)
 BFAR National Director

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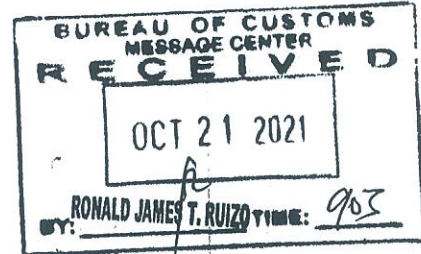


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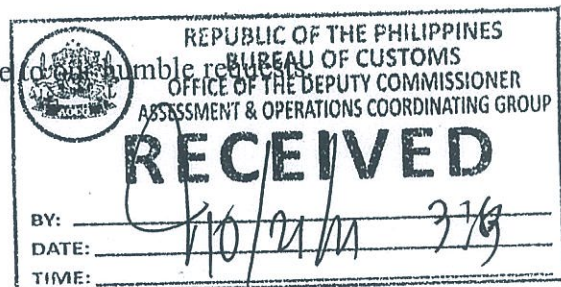
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