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MEMORANDUM to-

ALL District /Port Collectors/Chiefs-Formal Entry Divisions

SUBJECT: **UPDATES ON THE ISSUANCE OF SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY IMPORT CLEARANCE (SPSIC)**

Attached is the letter dated 20 January 2017 of Vivencio R. Mamaril, OIC-Director, Bureau of Plant Industry, Department of Agriculture, endorsing herewith the recent changes on the issuance of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Import Clearance (SPSIC). The procedures for the implementation of which are enumerated in the said letter.

For your information and guidance.


ATTY. EDWARD JAMES A. DY BUCO
Deputy Commissioner
Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group

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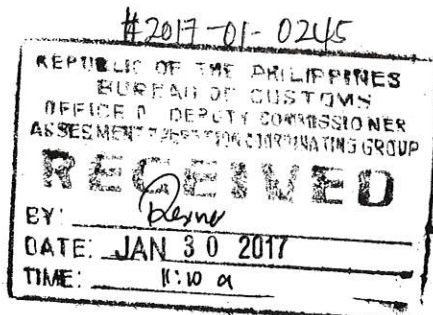
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20 January 2017

MR. NICANOR E. FAELDON
Commissioner
Bureau of Customs
South Harbor, Gate 3
Port Area, Manila



Dear Commissioner Faeldon:

We would just like to inform you of the recent changes on the issuance of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Import Clearance (SPSIC) and Facilitation of Importation. The following are now being implemented.

1. Issuance of SPSIC is Semi Automated. The procedure is as follows:
 - a. Importer lodge application online thru the DA Trade System
 - b. BPI-NPQSD Reviewer will review and evaluate application on-line
 - c. BPI-NPQSD Endorser prints the SPSIC
 - d. NPQSD Chief, initials
 - e. Tracking will be prepared per batch
 - f. BPI Directors Signs as Recommending Officer
 - g. Stamping of provisionally approved SPSIC
 - h. Recommended SPSIC are the sent to DA for Secretary's Signature
 - i. BPI Picks up approved SPSIC from DA

2. As per memorandum of Usec. for Operations of Department of Agriculture Ariel T. Cayanan dated 5 January 2017 (please see attached memo) regarding the request to prioritize SPSIC processing of various products, the following are allowed to be stamped with "Provisionally Approved" after the signing of the BPI Director and photocopy of which will be made available to the importer, while the original will still be sent to DA for the approval signature and DA bar code:
 - a. Cherries
 - b. Nectarine
 - c. Strawberry
 - d. Plum

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- e. Persimmon
- f. Kiwi



Plywood would also be included in the list.

The importer can already use the photocopy of the provisionally approved SPSIC to facilitate its importation from the country of origin and at the port of entry (if the originally signed SPSIC is not yet available) with the condition that they will still get the original signed and provide it to the Port of Entry.

We also learned that importers are experiencing some delays or sometimes denial of release by the BOC despite the evaluation and approval of Station Managers for release. Quarantine stations conduct inspection that can assure you that the SPSIC has already undergone verification and authentication.

For your information.

Very truly yours,


VIVENCIO R. MAMARIL, Ph.D.
OIC - Director 



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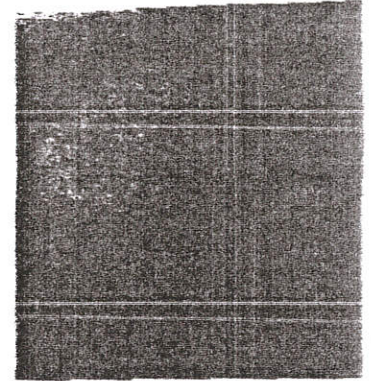
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MEMORANDUM

By: _____ Date: 1/6/17

TO : **DR. VIVENCIO MAMARIL**
Director, Bureau of Plant Industry

FROM : **ENGR. ARIEL T. CAYANAN**
Undersecretary for Operations

SUBJECT : **REQUEST TO PRIORITIZE SPS IMPORT CLEARANCE
PROCESSING ON VARIOUS PRODUCTS**

This is to respectfully request the prioritization of SPS import clearance processing on the following products:

- Cherries
- Nectarine
- Strawberry
- Plum
- Peach
- Persimmon
- Kiwi

It is imperative that the release of clearances be 2 to 3 working days upon the importer's payment.

For your compliance,