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Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Finance  
**Bureau of Customs**  
1099 Manila

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## MEMORANDUM

FOR : ALL DISTRICT/PORT COLLECTORS

FROM : JOHN P. SEVILLA  
Commissioner

SUBJECT : RICE IMPORTATIONS

DATE : 06 January 2014

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As part of the Bureau's measures to **STOP RICE SMUGGLING**, you are hereby instructed to immediately **ISSUE WARRANTS OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION ON ALL SHIPMENTS OF RICE** that fulfill all the following conditions:

- a. No import permits issued by the National Food Authority for the shipment within 30 days of the entry of the shipment; and
- b. Not covered by an injunction or other court order that prevents the Bureau of Customs from issuing such a warrant of seizure.

In so doing, you are directed to **ENSURE** full compliance with Sections 2301, 2302, and 2303 of the Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines, as amended, in the issuance of the warrants of seizure and detention.

Further, you shall immediately and without further delay **REPORT** to the Office of the Commissioner any court order that you received regarding any rice importation and shall **TAKE NO ACTION** on any such court order until the Office of the Commissioner has verified the authenticity of the court order and issued the corresponding instructions.

Please submit to this Office thru email, the scanned copies of each Warrant of Seizure and Detention, with proof of receipt by the Consignee, together with the duly accomplished table/matrix (in excel format) shown below at [secretary\\_chiefstaff@yahoo.com](mailto:secretary_chiefstaff@yahoo.com) (Attention: Atty. Geniefelle P. Lagmay), every **FRIDAY** of the week.

| Port                          |                                     |           |                              |                 |                      |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Seizure Identification Number | Date of receipt by Consignee of WSD | Consignee | Entry Number (if applicable) | Volume (in kgs) | Number of containers |
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For strict and immediate compliance.



JOHN P. SEVILLA

Commissioner

