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NO. 6-2016

TO: All Deputy Commissioners
All Directors/District and Port Collectors
All Chiefs of Divisions Concerned

SUBJECT: Department of Agriculture Memorandum re: Issuance of Biosafety Permits

Attached is a copy of the Memorandum of Secretary Prospero J. Alcala, Department of Agriculture regarding processing/issuance of **Biosafety Permits**.

For your information and guidance.

Please confirm the dissemination of this circular throughout your offices within fifteen (15) days from receipt hereof.


ALBERTO D. LINA
Commissioner



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SUBJECT : "INTERNATIONAL SERVICE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF BIOTECH APPLICATIONS, INC. VS. GREENPEACE SOUTHEAST ASIA (PHILIPPINES), ET AL." G.R NO. 209271

"EMB VS. COURT OF APPEALS, ET AL.", G.R. NO. 209276

"UPLBF VS. GREENPEACE SOUTHEAST ASIA (PHILIPPINES), ET AL.", G.R. NO. 209430

ALL DATED 08 DECEMBER 2015

In connection with the above subject matter, notwithstanding that the decision therein has not attained finality and consistent with the precautionary principle embodied therein and in the National Biosafety Framework, you are hereby advised to refrain from acting on any new application for a permit to import for contained use. Likewise, you shall not issue any new biosafety permit for field testing, propagation and for direct use. Furthermore, you shall continue to monitor regulated products that are already in the market and covered by existing biosafety permits which shall not be covered by the above prohibition. Finally, you shall continue to exercise such jurisdiction and other powers conferred under Presidential 1433 and other existing laws.

For strict compliance.

PROCESO J. ALCALA

Cc: Bureau of Customs

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