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## MEMORANDUM

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

**FROM :** *By* BIENVENIDO Y. RUBIO  
Director, Port Operations Service, AOCG

**SUBJECT :** IMPORTATION OF FRESH RED ONION AND YELLOW ONION

**DATE :** 05 July 2021

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With reference to the attached letter dated 23 June 2021 from Dr. George Y. Culaste, Director, Bureau of Plant Industry, Department of Agriculture (BPI-DA), please be informed that the BPI-DA has not issued any Sanitary and Phytosanitary Import Clearance (SPSIC) for the importation of fresh red onion while importation of yellow onion is still not subject to any restriction.

Please be guided accordingly.

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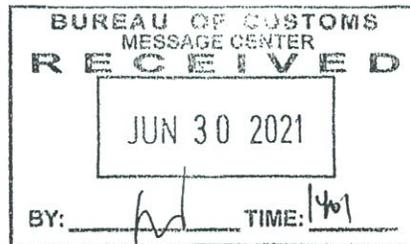
June 23, 2021

REY LEONARDO GUERRERO

Commissioner  
Bureau of Customs  
G/F OCOM Building, Port Area  
Manila, Philippines



BOC-09-22498



Dear Commissioner Guerrero:

Greetings!

We are writing in relation to the importation of fresh onions into the Philippines and its current assignment to orange selectivity lanes. Commodities tagged as orange will pass through x-ray scanning, and if the image is found to be suspicious, then it will be subjected to physical examination.

Kindly be informed that this Bureau has not issued any Sanitary and Phytosanitary Import Clearance (SPSIC) for the importation of fresh red onion while importation of yellow onion is still not subject to any restriction.

In this connection and in view of mixing and misdeclaration reports received by this Bureau, may we request that any fresh onion importation be assigned to red selectivity lane as the current tagging to orange lane produces x-ray images which cannot differentiate between red and yellow onion.

Moreover, we would like to seek clarification on BOC Selectivity Lane because as we understood all agricultural products are supposed to be tagged under red lane which translate to x-ray scanning and physical inspection.

Thank you in anticipation for your usual support and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

  
GEORGE Y. CULASTE, PhD  
Director



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