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## MEMORANDUM

**TO :** ALL DISTRICT COLLECTORS

**FROM :** **ATTY. EDWARD JAMES A. DY BUÑO**  
Deputy Commissioner  
Assessment & Operations Coordinating Group

**SUBJECT :** DISPOSAL OF CONFISCATED FRESH YELLOW ONIONS

**DATE :** 03 January 2022

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This has reference to the herein letter dated 15 December 2022 from Gerald Glenn F. Panganiban, OIC-Director, requesting clearance for the disposal of fresh yellow onions at BPI Los Baños – NCRDPSC. Said goods were purportedly confiscated by Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI) together with the DA Wide Field Inspectorate (DA-WFI), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) and Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) on 07 October to 03 December 2022.

Laboratory tests/analyses were conducted on the said onions and found the presence of microbial pathogens and chemical residues which are deemed “unsafe” and “unfit for human consumption”. Further, smuggled plant foods are considered “unsafe” pursuant to the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the Food Safety Act of 2013, Article III, Section 5.

In view of the foregoing, you are hereby directed to initiate the condemnation proceedings on the said confiscated fresh yellow onions pursuant to Customs Memorandum Order 24-2021 and coordinate with BPI prior thereto and to later invite its representatives as witnesses during the actual activity.

For strict compliance.

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