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Bureau of Customs
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MEMORANDUM

FOR : THE DISTRICT COLLECTORS
Port of Manila
Port of Davao

FROM : JOHN P. SEVILLA
Commissioner

SUBJECT : RICE IMPORTATIONS COVERED BY WRIT OF PRELIMINARY
INJUNCTION

DATE : 06 January 2014

In view of the *Writ of Preliminary Injunction* dated 13 December 2013 issued by the Regional Trial Court (RTC) of Davao City, Branch 16 in Civil Case No. 35,354-2013, and *Writ of Preliminary Injunction* dated 20 December 2013 issued by the RTC of Manila, Branch 54 in Civil Case No. 12-130962, respectively, you are hereby instructed to **CEASE and DESIST** from issuing and/or implementing any alert, hold or seizure order on the basis of lack of import permits from the National Food Authority (NFA) against the **SPECIFIC SHIPMENTS** identified in the Writs of Preliminary Injunction.

However, considering that the Writs of Preliminary Injunction referred only to the requirement of NFA import permits, the specific rice shipments covered by the Writs of Injunction shall be released only upon **COMPLIANCE** with other applicable customs rules and regulations that are **NOT** covered by any injunctive order, such as, but not limited to the following:

- a. Filing of proper entries;
- b. Full payment of duties and taxes;
- c. If so informed or requested by the National Food Authority, examination of the rice shipments to determine fitness for human consumption;
- d. In case the Alert/Holder order was issued on grounds other than lack of import permit (such as, for example, spurious bills of lading or misdeclaration), immediately conduct the required examination in the

presence of a representative from the alerting unit, which must be completed as soon as possible.

For strict and immediate compliance.


JOHN P. SEVILLA
Commissioner

