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NO. 221-2017

To: All Deputy Commissioners
All Directors and Division Chiefs
All District/Port Collectors
And Others Concerned

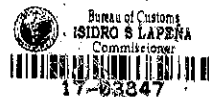
Subject: DA's Phytosanitary Clearance/No More Dry Seal But Bar Code

Attached is the letter dated December 8, 2017 of OIC-Director George Y. Culaste, Bureau of Plant Industry, Department of Agriculture (DA) informing that all Sanitary and Phytosanitary Import Clearance (SPSIC) will no longer bear an official dry seal. This is due to the presence of the **DA's document barcode** which is a new security feature that serves as a proof of its validity and authenticity.

For your information and guidance.

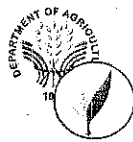
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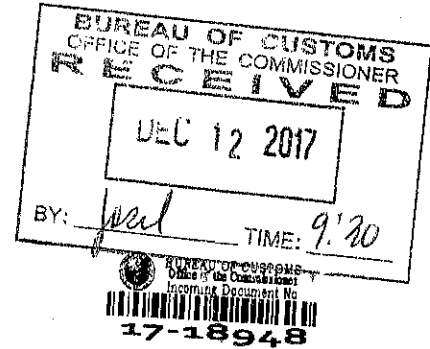
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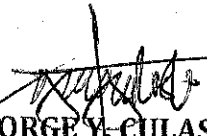
Dear Commissioner La Peña:

This is with reference to the issuance of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Import Clearance (SPSIC) by this office.

Please be informed that all SPSICs that will be issued by this office will no longer bear an official dry seal. This is due to the presence of the **Department of Agriculture document barcode** which is a new security feature that serves as a proof of its validity and authenticity.

For your information and reference.

Very truly yours,


GEORGE Y. CULASTE
OIC-Director

