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**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM :**   
ATTY. VENER S. BAQUIRAN  
Deputy Commissioner  
Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group

**SUBJECT :** FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA)  
RECOMMENDATION FOR THE RELEASE OF DONATED  
FOOD PRODUCTS FROM CONVOY OF HOPE, USA TO  
CONVOY OF HOPE PHILIPPINES, INC. (COHPI)

**DATE :** 19 February 2024

Forwarding the herein attached letter from Director Pilar Marilyn M. Pagayunan, Center for Food Regulation and Research, FDA, addressed to Mr. Luis Jose Raymundo S. Sasuman, Chief of Operations and Finance, COHPI, recommending clearance for the release of the following donated food products from Convoy of Hope, USA to COHPI:

Date	Container Number	Seal Number	Product Name	Quantity	Expiry Date
24 January 2024	MEDU 9391470	UL-0893611	Fortified Rice & Soy Protein Meal	1,260 cases	August 2026

The release of the donated food products shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. the products shall have been inspected and cleared by a representative from FDA – Regional Field Office;
2. the clearance shall solely be for the release of the products from this Bureau and shall not be construed as an authorization for its distribution, sale, offer for sales, and use.
3. FDA shall not be held liable for any damage, injury, illness, death that may result from the distribution and use of the donated food products.
4. the clearance is without prejudice to existing tariff rules and customs regulations.

For information and appropriate action.

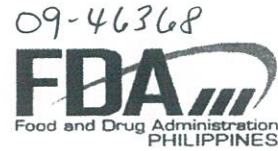


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24 January 2024

**MR. LUIS JOSE RAYMUNDO S. SASUMAN**  
Chief of Operations and Finance  
**Convoy of Hope Philippines, Inc.**  
1924, Taft Avenue corner Bernabe Street,  
Brgy. 044, Pasay City

Dear **Mr. Sasuman**:

Please be informed that this Office recommends the release of the following food product donated by Convoy of Hope – 330 S. Patterson Springfield, MO 65802. US to **CONVOY OF HOPE PHILIPPINES, INC.** located at Municipal Nursery, Sta. Rosa I, Marilao, Bulacan, Philippines:

Product Name	Quantity	Expiry Date
Fortified Rice & Soy Protein Meal	1,260 cases	August 2026
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The release of said donated food products is on the condition that the said product shall have been inspected and cleared by a representative from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) – Regional Field Office.

This clearance shall only be for the RELEASE of the product from the Bureau of Customs and shall not be construed as an authorization for its distribution, sale, offer for sales and use. FDA shall not be held liable for any damage, injury, illness, death that may result from the distribution and use of the donated food product.

This clearance is without prejudice to existing tariff rules and customs regulations.

For inspection schedule, please contact the FDA – Regional Field Office at [rfoncr@fda.gov.ph](mailto:rfoncr@fda.gov.ph).

Very truly yours,

  
**PILAR MARILYN M. PAGAYUNAN**  
Director IV  
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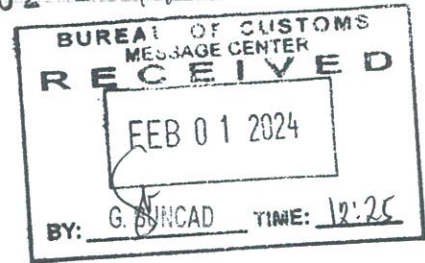
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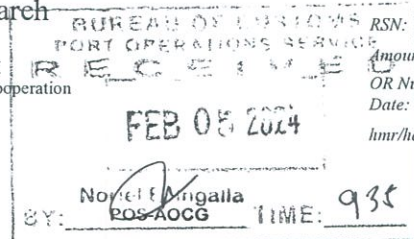
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