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OCOM Memo No. 21-2024

MEMORANDUM

FOR : ALL DISTRICT COLLECTORS
ALL SUB-PORT COLLECTORS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM : BIENVENIDO Y. RUBIO
Commissioner *[Signature]*

SUBJECT : REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO DEPLOY OFFICER-LED
TEAMS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE -
INTELLIGENCE AND ENFORCEMENT SERVICE

DATE : 16 April 2024

This has reference to the attached letter dated 15 March 2024 from Secretary Francisco P. Tiu-Laurel, Jr., Department of Agriculture (DA), requesting the Bureau of Customs (BOC) for permission to deploy officer-led teams from the DA's Intelligence and Enforcement Service. The teams will assist personnel from the DA's attached agencies and bureaus in the strict implementation of established sanitary and phytosanitary measures; food safety standards; and other regulatory powers and jurisdiction when conducting First Border Inspection and all Condemnation Activities.

In line thereto, all officer-led teams are hereby permitted to conduct the above-mentioned activities in your respective ports.

For appropriate action.



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Bienvenido Y. Rubio
Commissioner
Bureau of Customs
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Dear Commissioner Rubio,

Greetings!

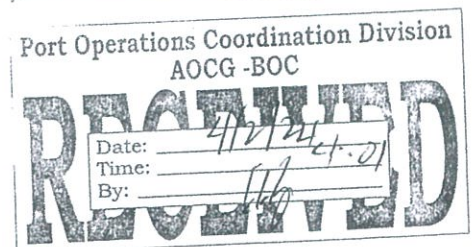
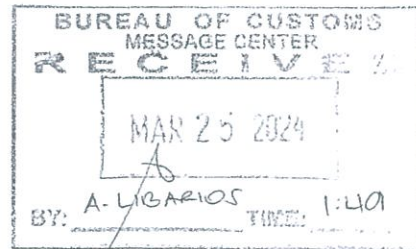
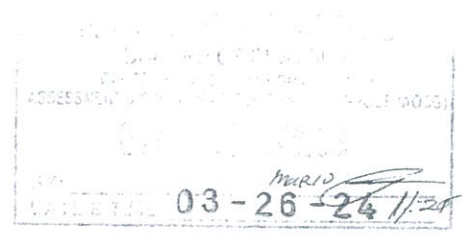
It is stated under Section 12 of Republic Act No 10611 otherwise known as the Food Safety Act of 2013, that "imported foods shall undergo cargo inspection and clearance procedures by the DA and the DOH at the first port of entry to determine compliance with national regulations." Thus, concerned Agencies agreed that all these cargoes of imported foods will now be subjected to stricter 100% inspection upon arrival at the designated Cold Storage Warehouses (CSW) and Dry Storage Warehouses (DSW).

To further bolster our Food Safety monitoring, the Department would like to request the BOC for permission to deploy officer-led teams from our Intelligence and Enforcement Office to assist personnel from DA's attached Agencies and Bureaus to strictly implement established sanitary and phytosanitary measures, food safety standards, and other regulatory measures under their regulatory powers and jurisdiction when conducting First Border Inspection and all Condemnation Activities.

For your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Francisco P. Nju-Laurel Jr
Secretary



25 MAR 2024