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**TO :** ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER  
ALL DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS  
ALL DIRECTORS AND DIVISION CHIEFS  
ALL DISTRICT AND SUB-PORT COLLECTORS  
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

**SUBJECT :** EXCHANGE OF ELECTRONIC PHYTOSANITARY (e-PHYTO)  
CERTIFICATE WITH INDONESIA

Attached herewith is the Memorandum dated 01 July 2024 from Mr. Gerald Glenn F. Panganiban, PhD., Director, Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI), on the abovementioned subject.

As stated in the Memorandum, all e-Phyto applications destined for Indonesia will be exchanged through the ASEAN Single Window System Gateway, while incoming e-Phytos from Indonesia will be readily visible on both the Bureau of Customs e-Phyto Portal and BPI Trade System.

For records purposes, please disseminate throughout your respective offices and submit the necessary confirmation within fifteen (15) days from receipt hereof.

For guidance and information.



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## MEMORANDUM

**TO :** ALL IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS

**FROM :** *Gr*  
**GERALD GLENN F. PANGANIBAN, PhD.**  
 Director  
 Bureau of Plant Industry

**DATE :** JULY 1, 2024

**SUBJECT :** ELECTRONIC EXCHANGE OF CERTIFICATES WITH INDONESIA

In our move towards digital trade facilitation, the Department of Agriculture – Bureau of Plant Industry (DA-BPI) and the Bureau of Customs (BOC) joined forces in January 2023 to kick-start a virtual meeting to pave the way for the Philippines' participation into the cross-border exchange of electronic Phytosanitary Certificates (e-Phyto) among ASEAN Member States through the ASEAN Single Window (ASW) System.

Under this initiative, all e-Phyto applications destined for Indonesia will be exchanged through the ASW Gateway, while incoming e-Phytos from Indonesia will be readily visible on both the BOC e-Phyto Portal and BPI Trade System.

On April 2, 2024, and the Bureau of Customs gave the green light to proceed with live implementation after successful parallel testing with Indonesia. The Production Live exchange of the ePhyto Certificate through the ASW Gateway officially commenced on June 10, 2024. This momentous occasion heralds the Philippines as the third ASEAN member state to partake in the live exchange of e-Phyto certificates.

This achievement aligns perfectly with the directive from DA Secretary Francisco Laurel Tiu, which aimed to streamline export processes and providing exporters with the tools they need to navigate international trade with ease.