

MEMORANDUM CIRCULARNo. 35

Series of 2024

SUBJECT : AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF DA MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR 53 SERIES OF 2023 "AMENDMENT TO DA MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 43 SERIES OF 2020" SPECIFIC FOR MILLED RICE SHIPMENTS

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture recognizes the need to ensure enough supply and buffer stock to ensure availability, accessibility and affordability of safe rice.

WHEREAS, there is a strong partnership between the traders and millers with the Department of Agriculture to ensure both the well being of local farmers and producers towards national food security goal.

NOW, THEREFORE, recognizing the need to protect the welfare of our local farmers and producers and the need to ensure food security, the following amendment to the MC 53 are adopted:

"The actual product/consignment must be shipped-out within sixty (60) days from the date the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Import Clearance (SPSIC) is issued, regardless of the country of origin. This shipment is still subject to plant quarantine procedures at the port of entry upon arrival.

Furthermore, the importers shall fully utilize their applied SPSICs. Low or no utilization of SPSICs may result to sanctions and penalties in accordance with the guidelines as this can create discrepancies in the forecasting being done in relation to the availability of rice supply."

All existing Department Circulars, Rules and Regulations, Orders or parts thereof, inconsistent with this Order's provisions are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

If any portion of this Order is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other parts thereof, which are not affected, shall continue to be in full force and effect.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 29th day of August 2024.

FRANCISCO P. TIU LAUREL JR.
Secretary



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