



ANNOUNCEMENT

This refers to the Minimum Access Volume (MAV) Rice Importation commitment of the Philippines to the World Trade Organization (WTO) for the Year 2012.

The following procedures and control measures for the MAV imports are as follows:

1. Shipping documents should be presented / submitted to Grains Marketing Operations Department-Foreign Operations Division (GMOD-FOD) for evaluation/processing.
2. To expedite processing and evaluation of import allocation, GMOD shall process documents upon submission of the following:
 - a.) One original copy of non-negotiable B/L
 - b.) One duplicate copy of Commercial Invoice
 - c.) One copy of Certificate of Origin
 - d.) Original Copy of Notice of Arrival of a particular vessel from the concerned shipping line or shipping agent.
 - e.) Packing list

All of the above are to be submitted to GMOD preferably not later than the arrival date. Once the IP is approved by the Administrator, all other documents as enumerated below are to be submitted to GMOD to effect release of IP. Otherwise, failure to comply shall mean holding the release of the IP.

1. Certificate of Fumigation
 2. Phytosanitary Certificate
 3. Certificate of Weight and Inspection as to the Quality and Weight of Rice and the Condition of the Bags
 4. Inspection Certificate as to the Condition of the Vessel
3. In the event that the importer fails to submit shipping documents as enumerated under #2 (a-e) before or during vessel arrival, the Importation Permit shall not be issued unless the delay is justified for valid reasons and in accordance with pertinent and relevant laws and provisions and administrative issuances for which same shall only be approved by the Administrator.

4. Insofar as the final assessment of tariff is concerned, BOC undertakes and determines the final assessment of rice for duty/tax purposes. Further, GMOD will regularly submit to BOC a summary of benchmark prices culled from various rice price indicators of world market prices of rice.
5. Application of importers which do not adhere to the Rules and Regulations of the Bulk and Breakbulk Cargo Clearance Enhancement Program (BBBCCEP) of BOC shall not be accepted.
6. Once the NFA Import Permit is approved/signed by the Administrator, GMOD shall then forward the said permit to the concerned Regional Manager / Provincial Manager who shall in turn forward to the Bureau of Customs of said disport.
7. For validation and record purposes, all importers/allocatees are required to submit all complete set of processed Import Entry and Internal Revenue Declaration (IEIRD) and cancelled copies of NFA Import Permit within 15 working days after the last shipment. This is in compliance with the Republic Act 9135, Customs Administrative Order 5-2001 and Customs Memorandum Order No. 2-2002 or commonly known as Post Entry Audit System and Customs Record-Keeping Requirements.

Approved:

Sgd: **ANGELITO T. BANAYO**
Administrator

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