

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL BPI-LICENSED RICE IMPORTERS

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Director

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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF MILLED RICE

To ensure that the Department of Agriculture will obtain accurate and advance data on imported milled rice to aid in forecasting and decision making; and recognizing the need to protect the welfare of our local farmers and producers; and to ensure food security, the following additional requirements for the importation of milled rice is hereby imposed:

1. All consignment indicated in the approved Sanitary and Phytosanitary Import Clearance (SPSIC) can be released at the respective BOC Designated Examination Area (BOC-DEA) upon clearance of the assigned Plant Quarantine Inspector and Department of Agriculture Inspectorate and Enforcement (DAIE) representative.
2. A loading plan for bulk cargo shipments must be included in the documents submitted at the respective port of entry prior to clearance of the consignment.
3. A copy of all SPSIC covering a particular shipment should be reported to DA-Inspectorate and Enforcement (DAIE) and Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI) twenty-four (24) hours after departure from the port of origin.
4. A justification letter on the reason for the choice of warehouse location should also be submitted upon application of SPSIC.

Furthermore, importers shall fully utilize their applied SPSICs. New SPSIC shall not be issued for the same commodity unless the total approved quantity indicated in the previously issued SPSIC have arrived in the country. Non-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.

For your information and compliance.