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## MEMORANDUM

**TO : All BPI-LICENSED RICE IMPORTERS**

**DATE : AUGUST 14, 2025**

**SUBJECT : IMPORTATION OF MILLED RICE WITH VALID SANITARY AN  
PHYTOSANITARY IMPORT CLEARANCE (SPSIC)**

This is in reference to the pronouncement of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. regarding the **temporary suspension of milled rice importation for a period of sixty (60) days** starting September 1, 2025

In this regard, all imported milled rice covered by a valid SPSIC transported **via bulk load carrier** must be **shipped out from the country of origin on or before August 30, 2025** and must **arrive on or before September 15, 2025**.

Further, the **containerized shipments** covered by valid SPSICs **must have a valid Bill of Lading on or before August 25, 2025**. Except for transshipment port delays, and force majeure or acts of God, all arriving containerized shipments shall be permitted **entry only through ports of Manila, Davao, Cagayan de Oro, and Cebu** for proper monitoring.

Consignments that will arrive beyond the prescribed date shall be returned to their country of origin, at the expense of the importer. No release of imported rice beyond this date will be allowed.

Further, importation of special rice such as the following are exempted from this guideline:

1. Japonica Rice
2. Glutinous Rice
3. Basmati Rice

The issuance of SPSIC will be suspended starting September 1, 2025 and all applications will be rejected, until further notice.

For your information and strict compliance.

  
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NOTED BY:

  
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