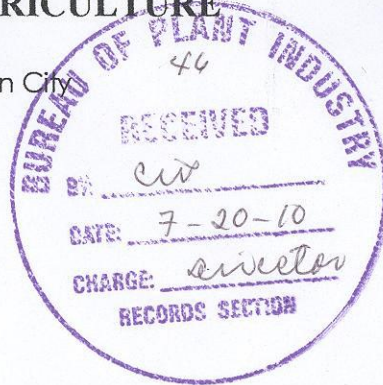




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SUBJECT : FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DA TRADE SYSTEM: ELECTRONIC PROCESSING OF THE APPLICATION AND ISSUANCE OF SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY IMPORT CLEARANCE.

WHEREAS, the pilot implementation of the automation in the application and issuance of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Import Clearance has successfully reached its conclusion;

WHEREAS, the series of consultations, orientations, and trainings conducted by InterCommerce and concerned agencies, i.e., BAI, BPI, and BFAR, drew overwhelming support and interest from the importers for the DA Trade Software System to be implemented fully;

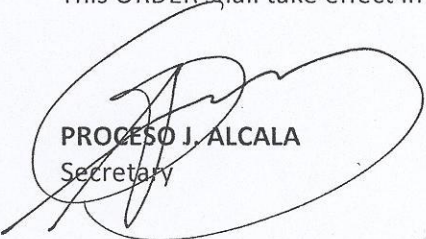
WHEREAS, based on the assessment and evaluation of the DA and the concerned agencies with the assistance of InterCommerce, the DA Trade System is properly running according to the system specifications provided by DA;

WHEREAS, the DA Trade System was launched successfully last 23 June 2010 during the 112th Founding anniversary of the Department of Agriculture;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PROCESO J. ALCALA, Secretary of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby direct the Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI), Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), and Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) to implement the DA Trade System subject to the following conditions:

1. Full implementation of the DA Trade System shall be done in parallel with the manual processing of permits from August to September 2010 to maximize the use of the remaining old forms;
2. The manually processed permits using the old forms which are issued from August to September shall be valid until January 2011; and
3. Starting October 2010, all applications and issuances of the SPS Import Clearances shall be done through automated process using the DA Trade System.

This ORDER shall take effect immediately.


PROCESO J. ALCALA
Secretary

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