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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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SUBJECT: Revised Banana Export Protocol

Pursuant to Presidential Decree 1433 and the Philippines' obligation under the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) to meet the importing countries' requirements, this revised protocol is hereby issued for the guidance of all concern.

ACCREDITATION OF FRESH BANANA PRODUCERS AND EXPORTERS AND/OR BOTH

All fresh banana exporters shall enlist for accreditation at the nearest BPI – Plant Quarantine Service (BPI-PQS) office with the following requirements:

A. BANANA PRODUCER-EXPORTER

Those who fall under this classification are banana producers who manage or operate their own farms; and who are direct exporters.

1. Duly accomplished Application Form signed by authorized signatory
2. Copies of SEC/CDA and DTI registrations
3. Copy of Mayor's Permit (current)
4. List of farms, location, area coverage (has.), packing house and brand (optional)
5. PS Mark and/or ISO and/or SQF and/or DTI-ISO aligned accreditation required by the importing country and the appropriate Philippine Government agency, whenever necessary.
6. List of Director/s and Officers (current) if corporate or 2x2 photo of the owner/s if other than corporate (single proprietorship or partnership, etc.)
7. List of their independent banana producers with whom they have existing valid supply contracts with corresponding area coverage (has.).

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Gr. Manager of Operations

B. BANANA TRADER-EXPORTER

Those who fall under this classification are banana exporters who do not manage or operate their own farms; and the fruits they export are purchased from banana producers. They can either be direct or indirect exporters.

1. Duly accomplished Application Form signed by authorized signatory
2. Copies of SEC/CDA and DTI registrations
3. Copy of Mayor's Permit (current)
4. List of Director/s and Officers (current) if corporate or 2x2 photo of the owner/s if other than corporate (single proprietorship or partnership, etc.)
5. Notarized certification from the banana trader-exporter with clear indication of the following:
 - 5.1.1 The fruit is sourced from banana producers with whom it has existing supply contracts, and that said banana producers do not have contractual obligations with any other banana exporter or trader.
 - 5.1.2 The fruit to be exported will meet all the standards established by PNS or by the importing country.
 - 5.1.3 The fruit for export has not been illegally acquired.
6. List of their banana producer/s, farm location/s, area coverage (has.), packing house and locations, and brand name/s used (optional)
7. PS Mark and/or ISO and/or SQF and/or DTI-ISO aligned accreditation required by the importing country and the appropriate Philippine Government, agency, whenever necessary.

PROCEDURE FOR ACCREDITATION

1. All interested exporters must file an application for accreditation to the nearest BPI-PQS with the abovementioned requirements.
2. Whenever necessary, the BPI-PQS will conduct an interview specially for applicants who still do not have track record of fresh banana exports. Interview will cover Plant Quarantine Law, rules and regulations and the Protocol for Banana Export.
3. BPI-PQS shall validate and evaluate the operational and cultural management practices, packinghouse standards and operations of listed banana producer/s'.

The disposal and sanitation programs of each packinghouse shall also be evaluated.

4. Upon completion of items 1-3 above, BPI-PQS will issue a Certificate of Accreditation.
5. Any accredited exporter who violates the Plant Quarantine Law, rules and regulations of this protocol will be delisted as an accredited exporter and its Certificate of Accreditation shall be revoked. Re-accreditation shall only be possible upon compliance of all corrective measures based on thorough plant quarantine investigation.

PROCEDURE FOR EXPORT

1. A BPI Plant Quarantine Officer shall be assigned, whenever practicable, to supervise the packing process of any exporter at their designated packing station.
2. All fresh bananas should come from the submitted list of areas by the producer-exporter and trader-exporter.
3. The BPI-PQS shall carry out random inspection on five percent (5%) of the total packed bananas or 600 units from any given lot (total packed bananas for the day), unless a written agreement, consistent with international standard, was forged between the BPI-PQS and the institutional producers prior to this memorandum order.
4. Whenever necessary, inspection of the fruit can be done at the port of exit following the same size of sampling.
5. BPI-PQS shall ensure that fruits for export shall comply with the phytosanitary requirements of the importing country. Detection of regulated pest/s in the export fruit shall be subjected to usual phytosanitary measures to ensure compliance.
6. Any exporter found to exceed the maximum volume of export possible without the necessary valid documentary justification should not be issued Phytosanitary Certificates.

REPORTING

All Plant Quarantine Service Stations with banana export operations shall submit to the Bureau of Plant Industry the list of Phytosanitary Certificates issued on a weekly basis for proper verification and consolidation.

The list shall include the name of the exporter, consignee, volume, destination, signing officer, and others, as may be necessary.

REVALIDATION

Accreditation shall be revalidated on a yearly basis.

EFFECTIVITY

This Order supersedes Memorandum Order No. 10, series of 2003 and shall take effect 15 days after the signature of the BPI Director.


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OIC Director

January 5, 2004