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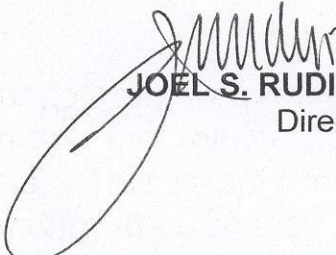
SUBJECT : Requirement for Fresh Vegetables Importation

This is to reiterate that the importation of fresh vegetables that are currently allowed is mainly to supply the demand of consumers to high-end institutions only, such as hotels, restaurants and airline companies. On the other hand, supermarkets, hypermarkets and groceries are not considered as high-end institutions.

Also, based on the agreement of fresh vegetables importation from Australia and USA, it was agreed that the volume is only limited until a formal Pest Risk Analysis is done. This is only to accommodate the demand for high-end fresh vegetables that cannot be supplied by the local vegetable growers / producers.

All companies applying as importer of fresh vegetables must have high-end clients before being accredited. Importation of fresh vegetables are monitored, every application for Plant Quarantine Clearance should have certification from the clients of the ordered vegetables with the corresponding volume.

For strict compliance.


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Director

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