



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 Office of the Secretary
 Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City

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MEMORANDUM

To : All Staff Bureaus, Attached Agencies and Corporations

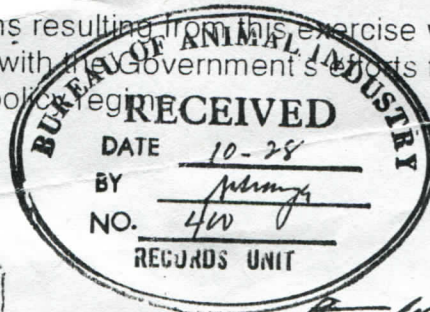
Subject : Rules and Regulations Governing the Importation and Exportation of Agricultural Products

In compliance with the country's WTO obligations, Republic Act 8178 otherwise known as the Agricultural Tariffication Act, eliminated all quantitative restrictions (QRs) on all agricultural products, except rice and removed the power of government agencies to impose such restrictions on agricultural products.

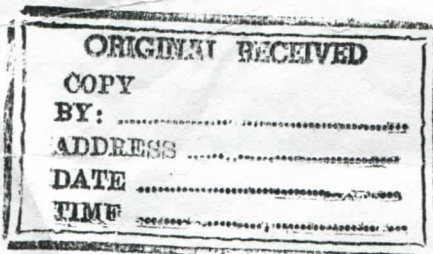
In view of this, you are hereby instructed to submit all existing executive and administrative issuances that form the bases for your issuance of import restrictions, quotas, import licenses, and other measures that are implemented for monitoring purposes as well as for plant, animal, and human health and safety purposes such as veterinary quarantine certificates (VQCs), and import permits. These documents should be transmitted on or before 07 November 1997 with a covering letter duly signed by the Bureau/Agency head together with the accomplished summary form (attached) to the Office of Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning. It is understood that these submissions contain the regulations that will remain in force, unless found to be inconsistent with Republic Act 8178.

The inventory of regulations resulting from this exercise will be published in a compendium. This is in line with the Government's efforts to establish a more transparent and equitable policy regime.

For compliance.



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