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FOR : ALL BFAR Regional Directors

SUBJECT : Implementation of Memorandum Circular on Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary Requirements for Exportation of Aquaculture Products for Food Safety and Quality Assurance

In the exigency of service you are hereby instructed to reinforce the implementation of Memorandum Circular No. 01 Series of 2005 on Sanitary and Phyto-sanitary Requirements for exportation of Aquaculture Products for Food Safety and Quality Assurance.

a. Accreditation of Aquaculture Farms

Assist in the accreditation of all producers of aquaculture animals supplying raw materials to exporters under the Residue and Disease Monitoring and Surveillance Program with the Fish Health Section of this Bureau.

The Fish Health Officers shall conduct on-farm residue monitoring and disease surveillance.

b. Registration of Exporters of Aquaculture Products

Identify all exporters of aquaculture products and assist in the registration with the Fish Health Section of this Bureau.

Monitor aquaculture farms and establishments processing aquatic products to assure acquisition of raw materials only from the list of accredited farms/suppliers of this Bureau.

No export permit and health certificate shall be issued to exporters who do not comply.

c. Residue Monitoring Program for Aquacultured Products

Conduct quarterly monitoring and sampling of registered farms supplying raw materials to establishments exporting aquatic products. Sample for laboratory analysis should be properly preserved. Minimum number of samples to be collected will be at least 1 per 100 tones of annual production. Samples taken at the farm level will be from a minimum of 10% of the accredited sites of production.

Non-targeted

Group A: Sample one third of the total sample: All samples will be taken at the farm level, on fish at all stages of farming, including fish which are ready to be placed on the market for consumption.

Group B: Two thirds of the total samples:

The sampling will be carried out either in the farm or on fish ready to be placed on the market for consumption, processing plant on fresh fish prior to blast freezing.

Targeted

If there is reason to believe that veterinary medicine or chemical are being applied, or when environmental contamination is suspected.

For mariculture farm, feed samples will be taken for laboratory analysis.

The residue monitoring ensures absence of the following harmful substances of exported aquaculture products:

Banned Antibiotics	Pesticides	Mycotoxin	Dyes	Anthelmintic
Chloramphenicol Nitrofurans metabolites: furazolidone, furaladone Nitrofurantoin nitrofurazone	Organo chlorine compounds including PCBs Organophosphro us compounds	Aflatoxin	Malachite Green	Ivermectin

Aquaculture products that are found to be contaminated with harmful substances shall not be issued health certificate and export permit.

d. Disease Monitoring and Surveillance

Implement disease monitoring and surveillance on aquatic products for export to ensure that the product are free from notifiable disease listed in the Office Internationale des Epizoties.

Aquatic products infected with notifiable diseases wil not be allowed for export or move from its original location.

For your information and strict compliance.

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