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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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Fisheries General Memorandum Order No. 2
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SUBJECT: Requirements for the Export of Live Aquatic Animals: Crustaceans, Fish and Invertebrates

Pursuant to Sections 62, 65(l) and 67 of Republic Act of 8850, DA-BFAR is respectively mandated to regulate export of fishery product for food security, set quality standards, implement inspection, quarantine and control system to monitor and regulate export of fishery aquatic products consistent with international standards to ensure product quality and safety.

Further, to implement its succeeding implementing orders (FAOs 220 s2001, 227 and 228 s2008, and FOOs 254 and 319 s2009), following system on certification and documentation process relative to the exportation of live fish and aquatic products shall be implemented by the relevant BFAR regulatory units to provide enough guarantee on the export of live aquatic animals;

1. Registration of Exporter with BFAR

Responsible BFAR Unit: Central and Regional Fish Health Management and Quality Assurance Section /Unit

Pre-requisites:

- a. Xerox copy of Business Permit –SEC/DT/DA Registration
- b. Manpower Profile, Facilities Layout and Sanitation Standard Operating Procedures (SSOP)
- c. Inspection of facilities
- d. Laboratory test

2. Issuance of Health Certificate as may be required by the importing country

Responsible BFAR Unit: Central and Regional Fish Health Management and Quality Assurance Section/Unit

Pre-requisites:

- a. Registration number
- b. Invoice for every shipment
- c. Laboratory test
 - For the food fish and crustaceans: microbiological and antibiotic residue analysis
 - For ornamental fish and invertebrates: as required by the importing country

3. Issuance of Export Commodity Clearance

Responsible BFAR Unit: Fisheries Unit, One Stop Export Documentation Center (OSEDG)/Regional Quarantine and Inspection Service

Pre-requisites:

- a. Original and Xerox copy of Health certificate (as may be required by the importing country)
- b. Certificate of Inspection from FHMQAS
- c. LGU Certification that the live food fish is hatched or propagated in
- d. Accredited hatcheries
- e. Other relevant documents (Export Declaration and Invoice)

4. Border Inspection and verification of Outgoing Commodity

Responsible BFAR Unit Fisheries Inspection and Quarantine Service (FIQS) at the International Airport

Pre-requisites:

- a. Export Commodity Clearance
- b. Health Certificate (as required by the importing country)
- c. Invoice
- d. Export Declaration
- e. Other relevant documents

This Order shall take effect one (1) month from the date of issue and shall remain in force until revoked in writing. All other orders and memoranda inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

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