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Department of Agriculture  
**Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources**  
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TO : **All Exporters of Aquaculture Products**

SUBJECT : **On-Farm Residue Monitoring**

This Bureau is strengthening the implementation of the national residue monitoring program to detect illegal use of substances on farmed aquatic animals in consonance with the provisions in the: a) **Republic Act 8550, Section 67.1 – Safety and quality standards on aquatic organisms and fishery products for domestic consumption and international trade consistent with the international trade agreements and Section 102 Prohibition on Aquatic pollution**, b) **Department of Health (DOH)**, c) **Department of Agriculture (DA) Joint Administrative Order No. 2 Series of 2000 – Ban/phase out of the use of nitrofurans in food-producing animals and d) DOH-AO No. 91 and DA-AO No. 60 – Ban on the use of chloramphenicol in food producing animals.**

To strictly implement the requirements in the EU Directive 96/23/EC, on residues monitoring of certain substances on fish and fishery products for export would be in line with our effort to maintain our status as authorized supplier of aquaculture products to EU member countries.

Monitoring report is a requirement to the issuance of health certificate by this Bureau to ensure safety and quality of our fish and fishery product for export to EU. **Health certificates will only be issued on fish and fishery products of animal origin intended for export to EU that are monitored during the production period.**

It is therefore expected that you advise your supplier to coordinate with the respective regional director to facilitate the implementation of the on-farm monitoring to be conducted by our Regional Fish Health Officers.

(SIGNED)  
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Director