



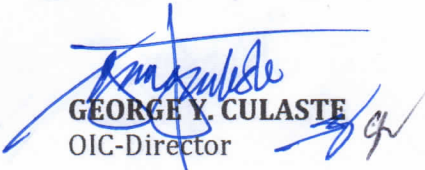
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MEMORANDUM

TO : **PQS REGIONAL & AREA MANAGERS IN PORTS OF ENTRY**

FROM :  **GEORGE Y. CULASTE**
OIC-Director

DATE : **05 July 2019**

SUBJECT : **COLLECTION OF SAMPLES FOR IMPORTED RICE (MILLED)**

This is in reference to the implementation of Republic Act no. 11203 "An Act Liberalizing the Importation and Exportation and Trading of Rice, Lifting for the Purpose the Quantitative Import Restriction on Rice, and for other Purposes."

In line with this and to have a uniform sampling procedure, you are hereby instructed to collect a total of five (5) kgs. random samples per Sanitary and Phytosanitary Import Clearance (SPSIC) of imported rice applied at your respective ports. Samples collected will be divided for the following:

- Plant Quarantine Service (PQS) for pest and disease diagnosis- 2 kgs (ISPM 31 Methodologies for Sampling of Consignment).
- Plant Product Safety Services Division (PPSSD) for Food Safety and Maximum Residue Analysis- 2 kgs (CODEX Alimentarius)
- National Seed Quality Control Services (NSQCS) for quality- 1 kg.(Laboratory Manual on Grains Analysis).

Samples collected will be sent to respective laboratories for the conduct of necessary tests immediately upon collection.

For your guidance and strict compliance.

