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MEMORANDUM ORDER

NO. 96
Series of 2025

SUBJECT: GUIDELINES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF NECESSITY TO IMPORT 22,000 MT (CNI-22) OF SPECIFIED FISH AND FISHERY/AQUATIC PRODUCTS

To provide for a clear and efficient implementation of the Certificate of Necessity to Import 22,000 MT of specified fish and fishery/aquatic products valid from issuance until, December 2025 (CNI-22) in relation to the issuance of SPS Import Clearance for the same, this guidelines is hereby issued for the information and guidance of all concerned.

Section 1. Scope and Application – This Order covers all importation of frozen fish and fishery/aquatic products under the CNI-22 from September to December 2025 and shall apply suppletory to other applicable rules and regulations issued for the importation of fish and fishery/aquatic products.

Section 2. Importable Species – The list of approved importable species is hereby attached as Annex 1.

Section 3. Who may import – The following may import under the CNI 22,000 MT September to December 2025:

- a. Importers under FAO 195 who have been accredited for the purpose of processing and institutional buyers for at least one (1) year prior to this issuance; and
- b. Registered importers under FAO 259 who participated in any previous CNI.

For this purpose, a written intent shall be submitted to the BFAR, addressed to the Director, through the Fisheries Inspection and Quarantine Division (FIQD), within five (5) working days from the effectivity of this Order.

All importers who complied with the preceding paragraph may qualify to import provided that all accreditation or registration documents of the importer are updated and complete.

Section 4. Disqualification - The following importers are disqualified from applying SPSICs under the CNI:

- a) those with pending cases or investigations in relation to violations of any food safety or importation rules and regulations;

- b) those who were not able to secure BOC accreditation and/or clearance at the start of this importation period; and

Section 5. Allocation to importers – An initial volume of 56 MT shall be allocated to each qualified importer who was able to comply with Sections 3 and 4 of this Order. The remaining volume shall be allocated to the qualified importers on a *"first come first serve basis"*.

Section 6. Validity of SPSIC – SPSIC issued under this Order shall be valid for forty-five days (45) days from the date of issuance corresponding to the *must ship out by date* indicated therein.

In no case shall the date of loading at the port of embarkation at the country of origin as specified in the bill of lading be earlier than the date of issuance of the SPSIC, otherwise the consignment shall be subjected to applicable confiscation procedures.

Section 7. Use of Licensed Cold Storage Warehouse – Only cold storage warehouse with a valid License to Operate by the BFAR shall be used as storage facility for the fish and fishery/aquatic products imported under this Order. Further, the rated capacity for fish of said CSW should sufficiently accommodate the volume of fish and fishery/aquatic products imported.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force unless revoked in writing. All previous issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby revoked.

Done this 2nd day of SEPTEMBER 2025.


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Secretary



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ANNEX 1

	Commodity	Scientific Name
Alaskan Pollock	Alaskan pollock	<i>Gadus chalcogrammus</i>
Anchovies	Anchovy	<i>Stolephorus heterolobus</i>
	Buccaneer anchovy	<i>Encrasicholina punctifer</i>
	China anchovy	<i>Stolephorus chinensis</i>
	Commerson's anchovy	<i>Stolephorus commersonnii</i>
	Devis' anchovy	<i>Encrasicholina devisi</i>
	Indian anchovy	<i>Stolephorus indicus</i>
	Japanese anchovy	<i>Engraulis japonicus</i>
	Shorthead anchovy	<i>Encrasicholina heteroloba</i>
	Peruvian anchoveta	<i>Engraulis ringens</i>
Barramundi	Barramundi	<i>Lates calcarifer</i>
Capelin	Capelin	<i>Mallotus villosus</i>
Chilean Seabass	Chilean Seabass	<i>Dissostichus eleginoides</i> , <i>Dissostichus mawsoni</i>
Cobia	Cobia	<i>Rachycentron canadum</i>
Cod/Black Cod	Cod/Black Cod	<i>Anoplopoma fimbria</i> , <i>Gadus morhua</i> , <i>Maccullochella peelii</i>
Whiting	Whiting	<i>Sillago argentifasciata</i> , <i>Sillago sihama</i>
		<i>Merlangius merlangus</i> , <i>Micromesistius poutassou</i>
		<i>Sillago sihama</i>
Croaker	Croaker	<i>Sillago sihama</i>
	Jamaica weakfish	<i>Cynoscion jamaicensis</i>
Crustaceans	Lobster	<i>Homarus americanus</i> , <i>Panulirus versicolor</i> , <i>Homarus gammarus</i> , <i>Palinurus elephas</i> , <i>Palinurus delagoae</i> , <i>Pleuroncodes monodon</i> , <i>Panulirus argus</i>
		<i>Panulirus longipes</i>
		<i>Panulirus penicillatus</i>
		<i>Thenus orientalis</i>
		<i>Portunus trituberculatus</i>
		<i>Portunus pelagicus</i>
		<i>Scylla serrata</i>
		<i>Paralithodes platypus</i>
		<i>Penaeus monodon</i>
		<i>Macrobrachium rosenbergii</i>
	Whiteleg Shrimp	<i>Penaeus vannamei</i> (<10 grams)



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Dolphin Fish	Dolphin Fish	<i>Coryphaena hippurus, Coryphaena spp.</i>
Eel	Eel	<i>Anguilla japonica, Anguilla anguilla, Anguilla marmorata, Anguilla rostrata, Anguilla australis, Ophisurus serpens, Mystriophis rostellatus</i>
	Pink-cusk Eel, Pink Ling	<i>Genypterus blacodes</i>
Emperor	Emperor	<i>Lethrinus miniatus, Lethrinus spp.</i>
	Blackblatch Emperor	<i>Lethrinus semicinctus</i>
	Long Face Emperor	<i>Lethrinus olivaceus</i>
	Ornate Emperor	<i>Lethrinus ornatus</i>
	Pink Ear Emperor	<i>Lethrinus. lentjan</i>
	Smalltooth Emperor	<i>Lethrinus microdon</i>
	Spangled Emperor	<i>Lethrinus nebulosus</i>
	Thumbprint Emperor	<i>Lethrinus harak</i>
	Pacific Yellowtail Emperor	<i>Lethrinus atkinsoni</i>
Fish Meat	Mixed Species	<i>Nemipterus spp., Nemipterus virgatus, Saurida elongata, Saurida tumbil, Synodus saurus, Trichiurus lepturus</i>
Flounder	Flounder	<i>Paralichthys olivaceus, Platicthys bicoloratus, Verasper moseri, Pseudopleuronectes yokohamae, Atheresthes stomias, Platicthys flesus</i>
	Arrowtooth Flounder	<i>Atheresthes stomias</i>
Fusilier	Fusilier	<i>Caesio spp., Caesio caerulaurea, Caesio lunaris, Caesio teres, Caesio cuning</i>
Gindara	Gindara	<i>Anoploma fimbria</i>
Gourami	Gourami	<i>Trichogaster trichopterus</i>
Grouper	Grouper	<i>Epinephelus fasciatus, Epinephelus summana, Epinephelus radiatus, Epinephelus latifasciatus, Epinephelus heniochus, Epinephelus bruneus, Epinephelus bleekeri, Epinephelus macrospilos, Epinephelus malabaricus, Epinephelus coioides, Epinephelus corallicola, Epinephelus fasciatomaculosus, Epinephelus undulosus, Epinephelus fuscoquattatus</i>



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Gunard	Longfin Gunard/Tub Gunard	<i>Chelidonichthys lucerna</i>
Haddock	Haddock	<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>
Hairtail	Hairtail	<i>Trichiurus</i> spp., <i>Trichiurus japonicus</i> , <i>Trichiurus lepturus</i>
Hake	Hake	<i>Merluccius merluccius</i> , <i>Merluccius bilinearis</i> , <i>Merluccius polli</i> , <i>Merluccius capensis</i> , <i>Merluccius paradoxus</i> , <i>Merluccius angustimanus</i> , <i>Merluccius peruanus</i> , <i>Merluccius gayi</i> , <i>Merluccius australis</i> , <i>Urophycis tenuis</i> , <i>Urophycis chuss</i> , <i>Urophycis cirrata</i> , <i>Urophycis earllii</i> , <i>Urophycis floridana</i> , <i>Urophycis regia</i> , <i>Urophycis brasiliensis</i>
Halibut	Halibut	<i>Hippoglossus hippoglossus</i> , <i>Hippoglossus stenolepis</i> , <i>Psettodes erumei</i>
Hamachi	Hamachi	<i>Seriola quinqueradiata</i>
Hoki	Hoki	<i>Macruronus novaezelandiae</i>
Largesnout Goby	Largesnout Goby	<i>Awaous melanocephalus</i>
Mackerels	Horse Mackerel	<i>Trachurus japonicus</i>
	Indian Mackerel	<i>Rastrelliger kanagurta</i>
	Spanish Mackerel	<i>Scomberomorus commerson</i> , <i>S. guttatus</i> , <i>S. koreanus</i> , <i>S. lineolatus</i> , <i>Acanthocybium solandri</i>
	Alaska Atka Mackerel	<i>Pleurogrammus monopterygius</i>
Marlin	Marlin	<i>Makaira nigricans</i> , <i>Makaira mazara</i> , <i>Istiompax indica</i> , <i>Kajikia audax</i> , <i>Kajikia albida</i> , <i>Tetrapturus belone</i>
Mollusks	Clams	<i>Meretrix lusoria</i> , <i>Meretrix lyrata</i> , <i>Panopea generosa</i> , <i>Siliqua patula</i> , <i>Tegillarca granosa</i> , <i>Venerupis philippinarum</i> , <i>Venerupis</i> sp., <i>Paphia undulata</i> , <i>Meretrix lusoria</i> , <i>Meretrix lyrata</i> , <i>Panopea generosa</i> , <i>Siliqua patula</i> , <i>Tegillarca granosa</i> , <i>Venerupis philippinarum</i> , <i>Venerupis</i> sp., <i>Paphia undulata</i>



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	Oyster	<i>Crassostrea gigas</i> , <i>Magallana gigas</i> , <i>Magallana angulata</i> , <i>Magallana belcheri</i> , <i>Magallana bilineata</i> , <i>Magallana rivularis</i> , <i>Magallana sikamea</i> , <i>Ostrea edulis</i> , <i>Pinctada margaritifera</i> , <i>Pinctada maxima</i> , <i>Placuna placenta</i> , <i>Spondylus spinosus</i> , <i>Crassostrea nippona</i>
	Scallops	<i>Amusium pleuronectes</i> , <i>Argopecten irradians</i> , <i>Argopecten purpuratus</i> , <i>Mizuhopecten yessoensis</i> , <i>Patinopecten caurinus</i> , <i>Patinopecten yessoensis</i> , <i>Placopecten magellanicus</i> , <i>Venerupis philippinarum</i> , <i>Venerupis sp.</i> , <i>Paphia undulata</i>
	Mussels (Black, green-lipped, blue)	<i>Mytilus chilensis</i> , <i>Mytilus edulis</i> , <i>Perna canaliculus</i> , <i>Perna indica</i> , <i>Perna perna</i> , <i>Perna picta</i> , <i>Perna viridis</i>
Pangasius	Pangasius	<i>Pangasianodon gigas</i> , <i>Pangasianodon hypophthalmus</i> , <i>Pangasius bocourti</i>
Plaice	Plaice	<i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>
Moonfish	Moonfish	<i>Mene maculata</i>
Mullet	Mullet	<i>Mugil cephalus</i> , <i>Mugil curema</i> , <i>Mugil incilis</i> , <i>Mugil liza</i> , <i>Mugil hospes</i> , <i>Mugil thoburni</i> , <i>Mugil trichodon</i> , <i>Mugil broussonnetii</i> , <i>Mullus surmuletus</i>
Nile Perch	Nile Perch	<i>Lates niloticus</i>
Octopus	Octopus	<i>Octopus ornatus</i> , <i>Octopus spp.</i> , <i>Octopus vulgaris</i> , <i>Octopus djinda</i> , <i>Amphioctopus membranaceus</i> , <i>Enteroctopus dofleini</i>
Oilfish	Oilfish	<i>Lepidocybium flavobrunneum</i> , <i>Dissostichus spp.</i> , <i>Ruvettus pretiosus</i>
Pomfrets	Chinese Pomfret	<i>Pampus chinensis</i>
	Silver Pomfret	<i>Pampus argenteus</i>
	Black Pomfret	<i>Parastromateus niger</i>
	Golden Pomfret	<i>Trachinotus auratus</i>



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Ponyfish	Ponyfish	<i>Leiognathus bindus</i> , <i>L. equulus</i> , <i>L. splenders</i> , <i>L. splendens</i> , <i>Photopectoralis bindus</i> , <i>Aurigequula fasciata</i> , <i>Euulites elongatus</i> , <i>Gazza achlamys</i> , <i>G. minuta</i> , <i>Eubleekeria splendens</i> ,
Rabbitfish	Spinefoot	<i>Siganus fuscescens</i> , <i>Siganus lineatus</i> , <i>Siganus spp</i> , <i>Siganus vermiculatus</i> , <i>Siganus virgatus</i>
	Rabbitfish spinus (Little Spinefoot)	<i>Siganus spinus</i>
	Rabbitfish (Dangit) (Spinefoot)	<i>Siganus canaliculatus</i>
Red Snapper	Red Snapper	<i>Lutjanus campechanus</i> , <i>Lutjanus argentimaculatus</i> , <i>Lutjanus bohar</i> , <i>Lutjanus sebae</i> , <i>Lutjanus gibbus</i> , <i>Priacanthus tayenus</i> , <i>Lutjanus adetii</i> , <i>Lutjanus erythropterus</i> , <i>L. malabaricus</i> , <i>L. johnii</i>
Red Bream/Alfonsino	Red Bream/Alfonsino	<i>Beryx splendens</i>
Salmon	Salmon	<i>Oncorhynchus keta</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus tshawytscha</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus gorboscha</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus masou</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus kisutch</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus nerka</i> , <i>Salmo salar</i>
Sardines	Sardines	<i>Sardinops sagax</i> , <i>Sardinella longiceps</i> , <i>Sardinella aurita</i> , <i>Sardinella jussieu</i> , <i>Sardinella maderensis</i> , <i>Sardinella sindensis</i> , <i>Sardinella brasiliensis</i> , <i>Sardina pilchardus</i>
Sea Bream	Sea Bream	<i>Nemipterus hexodon</i> , <i>Nemipterus spp</i> , <i>Pagrus major</i> , <i>Sparus aurata</i> , <i>Spondylisoma cantharus</i> , <i>Nemipterus furcosus</i>
Sillago	Silver Sillago	<i>Sillago sihama</i>
	Sillago	<i>Sillago japonica</i> , <i>Sillago aeolus</i> , <i>Sillago spp.</i>
Smelt	Smelt	<i>Spirinchus lanceolatus</i>
Squid	Squid	<i>Doryteuthis gahi</i> , <i>Doryteuthis ocula</i> , <i>Doryteuthis opalescens</i> , <i>Doryteuthis pealeii</i> , <i>Doryteuthis pleii</i> , <i>Doryteuthis roperi</i> , <i>Doryteuthis sanpaulensis</i> , <i>Doryteuthis surinamensis</i> , <i>Dosidicus gigas</i> , <i>Illex argentinus</i> , <i>Illex coindetii</i> ,



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		<i>Illex illecebrosus, Illex oxygonius, Loligo vulgaris, Sepiola affinis, Todarodes angolensis, Todarodes filippovae, Todarodes pacificus, Todarodes sagittatus, Todaropsis eblanae, Uroteuthis sibogae, Sthenoteuthis oualaniensis, Loligo spp., L. chinenses, L. edulis, Ommastrephes spp., Uroteuthis hinensis, U. duvaucelii, U. edulis</i>
Sweetlips	Sweetlips	<i>Plectorhinchus spp., P. pictus, P. polytaenia, P. lessonii, P. lineatus</i>
Swordfish	Swordfish	<i>Xiphias gladius</i>
Threadfin Bream	Threadfin Bream	<i>Nemipterus virgatus, N. peronii, N. mesoprion, N. hexodon, N. Nematophorus, N. furcosus, N. virgatus, N. japonicus, N. peronil, N. nemurus, N. bathybius, N. nematopus</i>
Torpedo Scad/Hairtail Scad	Torpedo Scad/Hairtail Scad	<i>Trachurus trachurus</i>
Trout	Trout	<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>
Trevally	Trevally	<i>Atropus hedlanensis, Caranx spp., C. sexfasciatus, C. lugubrus, C. ignobilis, C. tille, C. hippos, Carangoides spp., Carangoides ferdau, Carangoides malabaricus, Caranx melamygus, Carangoides fulvoguttatum</i>
Tuna	Tuna by-products	<i>Auxis rochei, Auxis spp., Auxis thazard, Euthynnus affinis, Katsuwonus pelamis, Thunnus alalunga, Thunnus albacares, Thunnus maccoyii, Thunnus obesus, Thunnus orientalis, Thunnus thynnus, Thunnus tonggol</i>
	Albacore Tuna	<i>Thunnus alalunga</i>
	Bigeye Tuna	<i>Thunnus obesus</i>
	Longtail Tuna	<i>Thunnus tonggol</i>
	Skipjack Tuna	<i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i>
	Yellowfin Tuna	<i>Thunnus albacares</i>
	Bluefin Tuna	<i>Thunnus maccoyii, Thunnus orientalis, Thunnus thynnus</i>
Yellowtail Sole	Yellowtail Sole	<i>Limanda aspera</i>

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**CERTIFICATE OF NECESSITY TO IMPORT 22,000 MT OF
SPECIFIED FISH AND FISHERY/AQUATIC PRODUCTS**

WHEREAS, during the Special Meeting of the NFARMC held on 08 August 2025, the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) presented to the Council a recommendation for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Necessity to Import (CNI) 22,000 MT of specified fish and fishery/ aquatic products;

WHEREAS, the NFARMC recommended the issuance of a Certificate of Necessity to Import (CNI) 22,000 MT of specified fish and fishery/ aquatic products;

WHEREAS, recognizing the need to provide a wider range of choices of affordable fish and fishery/aquatic products as well as cater to the market demand, the list of importable species under this CNI is hereby attached as Annex 1;

NOW THEREFORE, in order to curb inflation, ensure food security and diversify food choices, taking into consideration public welfare, the importation of 22,000 MT of approved importable species is hereby certified as necessary.

This certificate of necessity shall be valid from its issuance until 31 December 2025 unless earlier revoked in writing.

Signed this 2nd day of SEPTEMBER 2025.

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