



**NFARMC RESOLUTION No. 12  
Series of 2022**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AND RECOMMENDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF NECESSITY TO IMPORT 25,000 MT OF FROZEN FISH AND FISHERY/AQUATIC PRODUCTS FOR WET MARKETS FROM NOVEMBER 2022 TO JANUARY 2023**

**WHEREAS,** the National Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Council (NFARMC) is a multi-sectoral body composed of representatives from all major stakeholders in Philippine fisheries and serves as an advisory and recommendatory body to the Department of Agriculture (DA);

**WHEREAS,** Section 72 (a) of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of R. A. No. 8550 as amended by R. A. No. 10654 [the "AMENDED FISHERIES CODE OF 1998"] states that xxx "NFARMC shall have the following functions: (a) assist in the formulation of national policies for the protection, sustainable development and management of fishery and aquatic resources xxx";

**WHEREAS,** Section 61 (c) of the Fisheries Code, as amended, requires consultation with the NFARMC before the issuance of a Certificate of Necessity to Import;

**WHEREAS,** in the special meeting of the NFARMC held on 04 November 2022, the DA-BFAR presented to the Council a recommendation for the issuance of a Certificate of Necessity to Import (CNI) 25,000 MT of frozen fish and fishery/aquatic products for wet markets under Fisheries Administrative Order No. 259, series of 2018 (FAO 259);

**WHEREAS,** during said special meeting and after careful consideration of justifications and data presented, the following motions were raised and was duly seconded and adopted by the Council members:

1. To approve, adopt and recommend to the Secretary of Agriculture the issuance of a Certificate of Necessity to Import 25,000 MT Frozen Round scad, Bigeye scad, Mackerel, Bonito and Moonfish for wet markets to augment the deficiency in the supply of fish during the closed season subject to the conditions and control measures indicated herein.
2. The said CNI shall be valid only for the closed fishing season beginning November 2022 up to January 2023.
3. All SPSICs under this CNI shall be issued on or before December 15, 2022 to ensure that the imported fish will arrive before the end of January 2023.
4. The Maximum Importable Volume of 25,000 MT shall be allocated to registered importers based on the following:
  - For registered importers belonging to the commercial fishing sector, the 80% of the Maximum Importable Volume shall be allocated based on the fish landings of the commercial fishing operators; and

- For the fisheries associations/cooperatives, the 20% of the Maximum Importable Volume shall be allocated based on their disposition reports.
5. The DA-BFAR shall encourage the immediate disposal of the imported fish to ensure that it will not overlap with the local catch by the end of the closed fishing season.
  6. Succeeding recommendations for the issuance of a Certificate of Necessity to Import (CNI) shall be presented to the NFARMC within the immediately preceding quarter before the closed and off-fishing season.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that after discussion and deliberation, the NFARMC hereby approves and recommends to the Secretary of Agriculture the issuance of a Certificate of Necessity to Import 25,000 MT Frozen Round scad, Bigeye scad, Mackerel, Bonito and Moonfish for wet markets subject to the following parameters and/or conditions:

1. The CNI 25,000 MT shall be valid only for the closed fishing season beginning November 2022 up to January 2023 to augment the deficiency in supply of fish during said period.
2. Only the following species shall be allowed to be imported under the CNI 25,000 MT: Round scad, Bigeye scad, Mackerel, Bonito and Moonfish.
3. All SPSICs under this CNI shall be issued on or before December 15, 2022 to ensure that the imported fish will arrive before the end of January 2023. No SPSICs shall be issued after said date.
4. The Maximum Importable Volume of 25,000 MT shall be allocated to registered importers based on the following:
  - For registered importers belonging to the commercial fishing sector, the 80% of the Maximum Importable Volume shall be allocated based on the fish landings of the commercial fishing operators; and
  - For the fisheries associations/cooperatives, the 20% of the Maximum Importable Volume shall be allocated based on their disposition reports.
5. The DA-BFAR shall encourage the immediate disposal of the imported fish to ensure that it will not overlap with the local catch by the end of the closed fishing season.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that succeeding recommendations for the issuance of a Certificate of Necessity to Import (CNI) shall be presented to the NFARMC within the immediately preceding quarter before the closed and off-fishing season.

**RESOLVED FURTHERMORE**, that copies of this resolution be furnished the Office of the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture and the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources;


**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** during the Meeting of the Council on 04 November 2022 held at the BFAR Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Fisheries Building Complex, BPI Compound, Visayas Avenue, Brgy. Vasra, Quezon City.




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