



**NFARMC RESOLUTION No. 03
Series of 2022**

**RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE SECRETARY THAT THERE IS NO NEED FOR THE
ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF NECESSITY TO IMPORT FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF
2022**

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 via teleconferencing on 13 January 2022, the DA-BFAR presented to the Council the Fish Supply and Demand Analysis in relation to a recommendation for the issuance of a Certificate of Necessity to Import (CNI) 66,000 MT of frozen small pelagic fish for the first quarter of 2022;

WHEREAS, after the presentation of the DA-BFAR, the Council, by way of voting, agreed to use the following decision points in coming up a recommendation:

1. To use as basis the data presented by BFAR as against the actual performance during the last CNI;
2. To consider the effect of the lifting of closed fishing season as well as the effect of arrivals on importation to the local industry; and
3. To consider the availability of cold storages;

WHEREAS, a motion has made, which was duly seconded, requiring BFAR to present an augmented mechanism in the presentation of fish supply and demand analysis taking into account the PSA reference and the data from the industry; and for the information to be made available in advance in cognizance of the availability of fish supply from other countries;

WHEREAS, the Council unanimously made a manifestation that there is no need to issue a Certificate of Necessity to Import (CNI) for the first quarter of 2022 taking into consideration that there are still available fish for the first quarter considering the utilization of the volume from the previous CNI, the volume of 12,023 MT which are still in transit (volume applied less volume arrived), the volume of 22,613 MT which are still in the cold storages, as well as the volume under the

CNI 11,015 MT, for a total volume on-stock equivalent to 45,651 MT as of 13 January 2022; and taking into account the availability of cold storages and the upcoming lifting of the closed fishing season;


WHEREAS, through a motion, which was duly seconded, the Council resolve to recommend to the Secretary that there is no need for the issuance of a Certificate of Necessity to Import for the first quarter of 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that after discussion and deliberation, the NFARMC hereby recommends to the Secretary of Agriculture that there is no need to issue a Certificate of Necessity to Import for the first quarter of 2022;


RESOLVED FURTHER, that BFAR is hereby instructed to present an augmented mechanism in the presentation of fish supply and demand analysis taking into account the PSA reference and the data from the industry; and for the information to be made available in advance in cognizance of the availability of fish supply from other countries;

RESOLVED FURTHER, 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 13 January 2022 held through teleconferencing.


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