

## Republic of the Philippines Department of Agriculture National Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Council (NFARMC)

Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City

## NFARMC RESOLUTION No. 25 Series of 2023

RESOLUTION APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENDORSING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE THE PROPOSED FAO 267-1 AMENDING FAO 267, SERIES OF 2021, ENTITLED: "RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE LANDING AND TRANSSHIPPING OF FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY LANDED, AND OTHER PORT SERVICES IN THE PHILIPPINES BY FOREIGN-FLAGGED FISHING VESSELS"

- 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") 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, the Philippines acceded to the 2009 Food and Agriculture Organization Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (the "PSMA") on 26 April 2018 to which the Senate gave its concurrence on 05 March 2018;
- WHEREAS, to further implement port state measures under the PSMA and to prevent, deter, and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, the Department issued Fisheries Administrative Order No. 267, series of 2021, entitled: "Rules and regulations governing the landing and transshipping of fish and fishery products that have not been previously landed, and other port services in the Philippine by foreign-flagged fishing vessels" (FAO 267) on December 05, 2021;
- WHEREAS, under Section 6 of FAO 267, the Davao Fish Port Complex and General Santos Fish Port Complex were designated as the official designated ports in the Philippines;
- WHEREAS, recognizing the need to designate additional ports for other port services, the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) presented a

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proposed Fisheries Administrative Order amending FAO 267-1 (the "Proposed FAO");

**WHEREAS,** after thorough deliberation and upon motion made which was duly seconded, the NFARMC approved the Proposed FAO;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that after incorporating the comments and inputs of the Council members, the NFARMC hereby approves, adopts and endorses to the Secretary of Agriculture the proposed Fisheries Administrative Order 267-1 amending FAO 267, series of 2021, entitled: Rules and Regulations governing the landing and transshipping of fish and fishery products that have not been previously landed, and other port services in the Philippines by foreign-flagged fishing vessels";

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that copies of this resolution be furnished to the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources and the Department of Agriculture;

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED during the Fourth Quarter Meeting of the Council on 15 November 2023 held at the Garden Orchid Hotel, Zamboanga City.

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