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 Department of Agriculture  
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**SUBJECT : AUTHORITY TO SIGN THE SPS OR SANITARY AND PHYTO-SANITARY IMPORT CLEARANCE (IMPORT PERMIT)**

In an effort to curb the smuggling of agriculture and fisheries products through recycled import permits and/or technical smuggling—especially at the onset of the Christmas season when the demand for these products are at its peak—it is hereby directed that all SPS Import Clearances (Import Permit) for agricultural products be approved and signed by the Secretary or the Chief of Staff and in their absence, the Undersecretary for Operations.

Further, the BPI, BAI (in coordination with NMIS) and BFAR shall provide recommendation to the Secretary or his authorized signatories on the issuance of SPS import clearance that concerns their respective offices.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until revoked in writing. All orders and memoranda inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

**EMMANUELA RIÑOL**  
 Secretary *[Signature]*

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