

**[DOA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 37, S. 2005,
December 12, 2005]**

**IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS ON THE GRANT OF
SPECIAL DISCOUNTS TO SENIOR CITIZENS ON THE PURCHASE
OF BASIC NECESSITIES OR PRIME AGRICULTURAL
COMMODITIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 2 OF R.A. 9257,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT
OF 2003**

WHEREAS, Republic Act (R.A.) 9257 also known as the "Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2003" was signed into law on February 26, 2004 by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo amending R.A. 7432 and granting additional benefits and privileges to senior citizens;

WHEREAS, Section 4, paragraph (I) of R.A. 7432 as amended by Section 2 of R.A. 9257 provides that *"to the extent possible, the government may grant special discounts in special programs for senior citizens on purchase of basic commodities, subject to the guidelines to be issued for the purpose by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and the Department of Agriculture (DA)";*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, in accordance with Section 4, paragraph (I) of R.A. 7432 as amended by Section 2 of R.A. 9257 also known as the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2003, do hereby issue this Order providing special discounts to senior citizens on the purchase of basic necessities or prime agricultural commodities under DA jurisdiction:

SECTION 1. Scope and Coverage - This Order shall apply to senior citizens and retailers as defined under Section 2 hereof.

SECTION 2. Definition of Terms - For purposes of this Order, these terms are defined as follows:

a. "Basic Necessities and Prime Commodities" are as follows:

1. Rice (except rice sold and retailed by the National Food Authority);
2. Food grade corn and corn grits;
3. Fresh fish and other marine products;
4. Fresh chicken eggs;
5. Fresh pork, beef, and poultry meat;
6. Fresh vegetables including root crops;
7. Fresh fruits; and
8. Onion and garlic.

b. "OSCA" shall refer to the Office for Senior Citizen Affairs established in cities and municipalities under the Office of the Mayor headed by a senior citizen;