

[DA MEMORANDUM NOTIFICATION, October 19, 2004]

IMPOSITION OF SPECIAL SAFEGUARD DUTY ON IMPORTED ONIONS

The Hon. Commissioner George Jereos
Bureau of Customs
Manila

Through: The Hon. Secretary Juanita D. Amaton
Department of Finance

Subject: Imposition of Special Safeguard Duty on Imported Onions

Dear Commissioner Jereos:

Greetings from the Department of Agriculture!

Pursuant to Republic Act 8800, the Safeguard Measures Act (Chapter III, Sections 21 and 23), we request the imposition of the appropriate special safeguard (SSG) duty on onion imports (HS Code 0703.1000) over and above the regular customs duty of 50%. The SSG duty to be collected shall be on a shipment by shipment basis. The computation of SSG duty is illustrated in Annex A.

This request is being made on the basis of the trigger price of the product (P74.21 per kg., (published August 7, 2002) has been breached or that, the average c.i.f import price of onion from January to June 2004 which is P8.11 per kg. is below the trigger price (Annex B).

May we further request that the imposition of the SSG duty be made effective immediately after internal procedures in the Bureau relative to this request have been completed.

Thank you and we look forward to your favorable and immediate action on this request.

Adopted: 19 Oct. 2004

(SGD.) ARTHUR C. YAP
Secretary