

[DA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 31, December 02, 2004]

RATE OF FEES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY/CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION REGARDING THE GRANT OF TARIFF EXEMPTIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES INPUTS, EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 376, SERIES OF 2004

WHEREAS, Executive Order 376 was issued by Her Excellency President Gloria-Macapagal Arroyo on October 22, 2004, modifying the rates of import duty on certain imported articles under Section 104 of the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978 as amended, in order to implement Section 1 of Republic Act 9281, reinstating the effectivity of duty incentives under Section 109 of Republic Act 8435, otherwise known as the Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act of 1997;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of EO 376 (s. 2004) authorizes the Department of Agriculture and Department of Trade and Industry to collect administrative fees at minimal and reasonable costs to implement the provisions of this EO;

WHEREAS, Rule III, Annex A of EO 376 (s.2004) provides that agricultural and fisheries enterprises and micro-agricultural processors shall avail of the duty-free incentives provided that they undergo the certification procedures therein prescribed;

WHEREAS, Rule V, Annex A of EO 376 (s2004) provides that an import consolidator can undertake import services on behalf of eligible agriculture and fisheries enterprises by applying for a Certification of Accreditation (CA);

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARTHUR C. YAP, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, do hereby order the Department of Agriculture Regional Field Units (DA-RFUs) and the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) to collect the fees to cover administrative costs in connection with the certification procedures prescribed under EO 376 (s2004);

SECTION 1. Application Fee for Certificate of Eligibility (CE) - A uniform rate of P1,500 (one thousand five hundred pesos) shall be collected from all agriculture and fisheries enterprises and micro-agricultural processors applying for a Certificate of Eligibility (CE). The same rate of application fee shall apply for old and new applicants.

SECTION 2. Application Fee for Certificate of Accreditation (CA) - A uniform rate of P1,500 (one thousand five hundred pesos) shall be collected from all juridical entities applying for a Certificate of Accreditation to become accredited import consolidators.