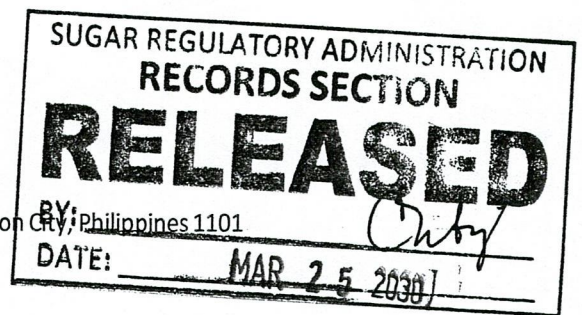




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CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 17
Series of 2020

**SUBJECT: UNRESTRICTED AND UNHAMPERED MOVEMENT
OF FOOD SUPPLY AND TRANSIT OF PERSONNEL AND CARGO
OF BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS ALLOWED TO OPERATE
DURING THE ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE.**

To all Stakeholders,

Attached are the Memorandum issued by various Government agencies to facilitate unhampered and unrestricted movement of all goods and activities related to manufacturing and production of sugar, sugar by-products and its essential production components as well as its transport and hauling to and from its place of production.

1. Inter-Agency Task Force approved DA Measures;
2. DILG Advisory - Unrestricted Movement of Food Supply during the state of Public Health Emergency;
3. DTI Memorandum Circular No. 20-08 Series of 2020-Ensuring unhampered movement of Cargo and Transit of Personnel of Business establishments allowed to operate during the Enhanced Community Quarantine of Luzon, Amending for this purpose Memorandum Circular No. 20-16 S. 2020;
4. DA Memorandum Circular No. 9 Series of 2020- Supplemental Circular based on the Memorandum issued by the Executive Secretary on Enhanced Community Quarantine, ensuring unhampered movement of all cargoes, agriculture and fishery inputs, food products and agribusiness personnel nationwide;
5. DA Memorandum Circular No. 7 Series of 2020- Supplemental Circular based on the Memorandum issued by the Executive Secretary on Enhanced Community Quarantine on Luzon, ensuring unhampered movement of all food and production items through food lanes;
6. SRA Memorandum Circular No. 3.

For your guidance and information.

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IATF- Approved DA Measures *

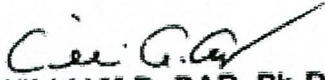
As of March 24, 2020

As guided by Protocols on Enhanced Community Quarantine on social and physical distancing, and considering skeletal work force on barest minimum.

1. All farming and fishing activities shall be allowed to continue.
2. All healthy farmers and farm workers, fishers and agribusiness personnel shall be exempted from restricted movement.
3. Operations of agricultural supply stores/outlets and veterinary clinics shall be allowed.
4. Movement of all supplies used for agriculture and fisheries including food packaging and manufacturing materials shall be unhampered.
5. Local Price Coordination Councils (LPCCs) are reactivated to strengthen price monitoring and enforcement (MC77).
6. KADIWA ni Ani at Kita shall be upscaled to ensure food availability, accessibility and price stability.
7. ALPAS kontra COVID-19 Program (Ahon Lahat, Pagkain Sapat kontra COVID-19) of the DA shall be supported.

*Based on DA Memorandum Circular No. 7 and 9 of 2020

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FOR : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS, PUNONG BARANGAY, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS, BARMM MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : UNRESTRICTED MOVEMENT OF FOOD SUPPLY DURING THE STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Reiterating the provisions set forth by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease (IATF-EID), and pertinent issuances by the various national government agencies (NGAs), including this Department, the movement of food and essential goods shall remain unhampered.

As provided by the Department of Agriculture (DA) Memorandum Circular No. 09, series of 2020, entitled *Supplemental Circular Based on the Memorandum Issued by the Executive Secretary on Enhanced Community Quarantine, Ensuring Unhampered Movement of all Cargoes, Agriculture and Fishery Inputs, Food Products and Agribusiness Personnel Nationwide*, the following provisions are hereby emphasized:

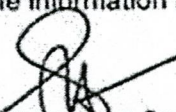
- All farming and fishing activities shall continue to ensure sufficient food supply across the country. These activities include, but not limited to land preparation, planting, crop maintenance, harvesting, threshing drying, milling, sorting, packaging, and trading.
- All farmers and farm workers, fisherfolk and agribusiness personnel shall be exempted from doing home quarantine provided that: 1) one does not exhibit any one of the symptoms of COVID-19, 2) number of working farmers/fisherfolks/farm personnel is at minimum, and 3) safety protocols are ensured and social distancing is practiced in the work place.

Attached in this Advisory is the copy of the afore-mentioned DA policy, for reference.

Further, all local government units (LGUs) are advised to adhere to protocols prescribed by the IATF and concerned NGAs in ensuring food availability and sufficiency during the COVID-19 crisis.

All DILG Regional Directors and the BARMM Minister for Local Government are directed to cause the widest and immediate dissemination of this Advisory to all local government units (LGUs) within their jurisdiction.

For the information and immediate action of all concerned.


EDUARDO M. AÑO
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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 20-08
Series of 2020

FOR : ALL COVERED ENTERPRISES AND ESTABLISHMENTS AND THEIR PERSONNEL

SUBJECT : ENSURING UNHAMPERED MOVEMENT OF CARGO AND TRANSIT OF PERSONNEL OF BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS ALLOWED TO OPERATE DURING THE ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE OF LUZON, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 20-06 s. 2020

DATE : 20 March 2020

Pursuant to the Memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated 18 March 2020 providing for *Additional Guidelines for the Community Quarantine over the Entire Luzon and Management of the CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) Situation*, and Resolution No. 13 of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) dated March 17, 2020, the following guidelines to provide details are hereby issued for the smooth implementation thereof:

I. ALL COVERED ENTERPRISES ARE THE FOLLOWING:

1. Manufacturing and Processing Plants of Basic Food Products, Essential Products, Medicine and Medical Supplies
 - a. All Food
 - b. Essential and Hygiene Products
 - Soap and detergents
 - Diapers, feminine hygiene products, tissue, wipes/and toilet papers
 - Disinfectants
 - c. Medicines and Vitamins
 - d. Medical Products, such as:
 - PPEs
 - Masks, gloves
 - Others
2. Retail Establishments (Groceries, Supermarkets, Hypermarkets, Convenience Stores, Public Markets, Pharmacies and Drug Stores)
3. Logistics Service Providers (Cargo Handling, Warehousing, Trucking, Freight Forwarding, and Shipping Line)
4. Hospitals and Medical Clinics
5. Food Preparations and Water Refilling Stations

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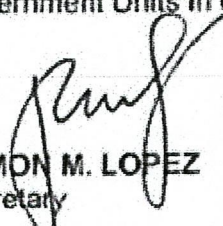
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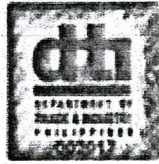
- b. For BPOs and export-oriented establishments to make arrangements with hotels for basic lodging


For purposes of the above, personnel of BPOs and export-oriented establishments, setting up the foregoing arrangements shall be allowed to travel subject to presentation of proof of employment, address of employer, and residence.

This Memorandum Circular effectively amends MC 20-06 issued on March 19, 2020.

Copy of this Memorandum Circular shall be presented to the Philippine National Police and Local Government Units in control points for implementation.


RAMON M. LOPEZ
Secretary



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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR No. 09
Series of 2020

FROM: THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE *Cee A. Cay*

SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL CIRCULAR BASED ON THE MEMORANDUM ISSUED BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ON ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE, ENSURING UNHAMPERED MOVEMENT OF ALL CARGOES, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERY INPUTS, FOOD PRODUCTS AND AGRIBUSINESS PERSONNEL NATIONWIDE

In compliance to the Memorandum from the Executive Secretary issued March 16, 2020 and the Memorandum Circular No. 77 "Directing All Government Agencies, Offices and Instrumentalities, as well as Local Government Units, to Implement and Ensure Compliance with the Issuances of the Department of Health and Department of Agriculture on the Prices of Essential Emergency Medicines and Supplies, and Selected Agriculture and Fishery Commodities" by the Office of the President issued March 17, 2020, movement of cargoes in any forms of conveyance, shall be unhampered, and prices of agriculture and fishery commodities shall be stabilized.

To complement the said issuances, the Department has issued Memorandum Circular No. 07 (series of 2020) to ensure that every Filipino household in Luzon and high dense metropolitan areas will have access to safe and affordable food.

This Memorandum Circular covers the implementation of the Food Resiliency Protocol for Luzon to include the entire country.

The following guidelines are hereby added for the information and guidance of all concerned:

- The objectives of this Circular are: 1) to ensure **unhampered movement of cargoes, agriculture and fishery inputs and other food products** to, from, and passing through NCR and the rest of the country; 2) to **stabilize prices of agri-fishery inputs and other food products**; and 3) to **cascade** the action points in this Memorandum Circular from the national level to the regional and local levels.
- **All agricultural supply stores/outlets nationwide and animal clinics must be allowed to operate** under a skeletal force as part of the enhanced community quarantine measures in order for farmers, fisherfolks, and livestock raisers with the essential inputs to sustain and support the production and processing of agricultural and fishery commodities and/or products.

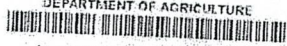
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- Inclusion of **copra and coconut by-products** under food commodities, such as **copra and charcoal from coconut, except for lumber**.
- **Cargo Lane** is one of the lanes designated by the Philippine National Police (PNP) in checkpoints where agriculture and fisheries inputs and food products are transported through all forms of conveyance (air, water and land) across all modes of deliveries (small, medium, large). **Priority for entry to cargo lanes** shall be given to truckers/suppliers with **Food Pass**.
- All **farming and fishing activities shall continue** to ensure sufficient food supply across the country. These activities include, but not limited to land preparation, planting, crop maintenance, harvesting, threshing, drying, milling, sorting, packaging and trading.
- All **farmers and farm workers, fisherfolk and agribusiness personnel** shall be **exempted** from doing home quarantine provided that 1) one does not exhibit any one of the symptoms of COVID-19, 2) number of working farmers/fisherfolk/farm personnel is at a minimum and 3) safety protocols are ensured and social distancing is practiced in the workplace.
- **Food pass accreditation is FREE OF CHARGE.**

For your guidance.


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Memorandum Circular No. 07

FROM: AGRICULTURE SECRETARY *Cecilia*

SUBJECT: **SUPPLEMENTAL CIRCULAR BASED ON THE MEMORANDUM ISSUED BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ON ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE OF LUZON, ENSURING UNHAMPERED MOVEMENT OF ALL FOOD AND PRODUCTION ITEMS THROUGH FOOD LANES**

Pursuant to the Memorandum issued by the Office of the Executive Secretary dated 16 March 2020 with subject "Community Quarantine over the Entire Luzon and Further Guidelines for the Management of the Corona Virus Disease 19 (COVID-19) Situation", declaring an enhanced community quarantine in Luzon, the Department of Agriculture (DA) is hereby implementing a Food Resiliency Protocol to ensure that every Filipino household in Luzon and high dense metropolitan areas will have access to safe and affordable food.

The **Food Resiliency Protocol** of the DA identifies a list of food items (please see Annex 1. List of Food Items) that must be allowed unhampered and unimpeded transit in all quarantine checkpoints, provided that proper documentation is presented to the authorities for the following:

1. **All vehicles** carrying crop commodities must be allowed passage.
2. **Fishery and other aquatic products** with carriers (trucks) must be allowed passage.
3. **Live poultry and livestock, including meat and meat products**, details are provided under DA Memorandum Circular No. 5 series of 2020, as follows.
 - 3.1. Shipping Permit issued by the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) for transport of live animals, animal products and by-products with accompanying Veterinary Health Certificate (issued by licensed Veterinarians).

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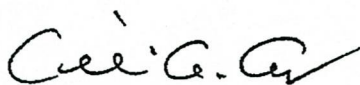
3.2. Shipping Permit issued by BAI for transport of meat (fresh or frozen) with accompanying Meat Inspection Certificate (MIC) for fresh locally sourced meat and Certificate of Meat Inspection (COMI) for imported meat as issued by the National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS).

4. **Farm inputs** (please see Annex 2. List of Identified Farm Inputs), are also included to ensure continuous and sustainable production of the above mentioned food items. Movement of products and services related therein is requested to all unhampered passage on designated quarantine checkpoints.

The above mentioned commodities are hereby requested proper assistance at the designated quarantine checkpoints to ensure that our people will have access to safe and affordable food items in the market.

In addition, all relevant DA personnel bearing proper mission orders and identifications are requested to be provided proper facilitation in the designated quarantine checkpoints to ensure they are able to perform their operative duties relevant to the objectives of the Food Resiliency Protocol.

Lastly, essential farm personnel that works at the production area bearing proper documentation are also requested to be accorded passage at the quarantine checkpoints. This will include veterinarians, farm hands, and other farm and fisher folks.



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Annex 1. List of Food Commodities

1. Rice
2. Brown sugar and refined sugar
3. All fruits including coconut
4. All vegetables and spices
5. Fish and all aquatic produce (fresh, frozen, chilled and dried)
6. Live hogs and poultry
7. All live carabao, cattle, goat and sheep
8. All eggs (fresh, salted, and balut)
9. Milk and all dairy products
10. All meat (fresh, frozen, chilled)
11. All meat products (semi-processed like tocino, longanisa, tapa, etc. and fully processed like hotdog, and ham)
12. All canned food products
13. Cooking oil (all forms such as vegetable and coconut oil)



Annex 2. List of Farm Inputs

Farm inputs are all items/commodities that are necessary to support the production of rice, crops/vegetables; fisheries and other aquatic products; and livestock, poultry and milk, including necessary farm implements to support production and processing operations, to wit:

1. Livestock and Poultry

a. Production

- i. Day-old chicks (DOC)
- ii. Breeder pigs (boars and replacement gilts)
- iii. Semen and semen straw

b. Feed and feed ingredients

- i. Corn
- ii. Soya
- iii. Flour
- iv. Rice bran
- v. Wheat
- vi. Copra meal
- vii. All pre-mixes (to include enzymes, probiotics)
- viii. Cooking oil (including used cooking oils)

c. Veterinary medicines and biologics

- i. Vaccines for poultry and all livestock
- ii. Vitamins and mineral supplements
- iii. Test kits and reagents for animals and poultry diseases



d. Operations of Farm and Meat Processing Plants to ensure hygiene and food safety

i. Disinfectants

ii. Chlorines

iii. Farm machineries

iv. Machineries for cold storages and meat processing plants

2. Fishery and aquatic production

a. Fry or fingerlings

b. Feeds

c. Fertilizers

3. Rice, crops and vegetable production

a. Seedlings

b. Fertilizers

c. Pesticides

d. Herbicides

e. Irrigation equipment

f. Farm machineries

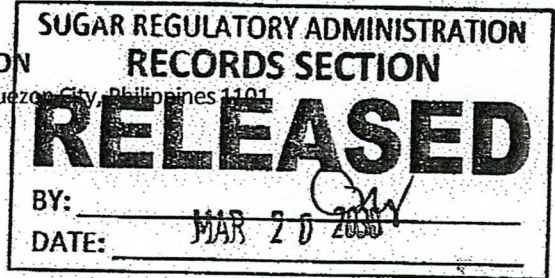
g. Mill supplies and machineries

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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 3
Series of 2020

TO : ALL HEADS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS

FROM : HERMENEGILDO R. SERAFICA
Administrator *[Signature]*

DATE : 19 March 2020

SUBJECT : FACILITATE MOVEMENT OF SUGAR, SUGARCANE AND ITS BY-PRODUCTS AND DELIVERY OF ESSENTIAL INPUTS FOR SUGAR MANUFACTURING

Relative to the issuance of DA Memorandum Circular No. 7 dated 17 March 2020 re: Supplemental Circular based on the Memorandum issued by the Executive Secretary on enhanced Community Quarantine of Luzon, ensuring unhampered movement of all food and production items through food lanes.

This is clarify that the Sugarcane Industry is considered to be of essential importance as sugar is a basic commodity and as an agency committed to ensure that the supply is sufficient and adequate and in compliance to the Food Resiliency Protocol , may we then request for the facilitation and movement of the following:

For the Sugarcane Industry Sector:

1. Hauling or Transporting of raw (brown) and refined sugar, sugarcane and its by-products such as molasses, bagasse, mudpress, mill ash and ethanol.
2. Hauling or delivery of brown, refined and specialty sugar from International and Domestic ports for as long as they have the required necessary permits from their ports of origin and clearances from SRA.
3. Delivery of essential inputs for sugar manufacturing such as but not limited to lime, sugar bags, caustic soda, etc.
4. Critical workers of sugar mills and refineries such as Engineers and other staffs (farmworkers, mill workers, planters association workers) indispensable to the production, transport and delivery of sugar and its by-products.

Thank you for your consideration and for your prompt and immediate action regarding this matter.



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