

Voluntary Report – Voluntary - Public Distribution

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Report Highlights:

On August 23, 2023, the Philippine Department of Agriculture issued Memorandum Circular No. 37 (2023), an Addendum to the Bureau of Animal Industry Memorandum Circular No. 26 (2021), which requires traders to submit a Feed Utilization Report and other additional information to import feed ingredients that may also be used for human food or other non-feed purposes.

On August 23, 2023, the Philippine Department of Agriculture (DA) released Memorandum Circular No. 37 (2023), an Addendum to the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) Memorandum Circular No. 26 (2021), which requires importers to submit a Utilization Report for Feed Ingredients that may also be used for food or other purposes (see past [GAIN Report: New Utilization Report Required to Import Feed Ingredients](#)).

To prevent the diversion of raw materials imported for animal feeds to human consumption or other purposes, this new regulation was issued adding other requirements for the importation of feed ingredients. The new Memorandum Circular incorporates this additional section:

“c. For Sanitary and Phytosanitary Import Clearance (SPSIC) application on importation for trading purposes.

c.1. The Proforma Invoice for submission for SPSIC application shall constitute the sum of the Purchase Order (PO) from the end-user(s)/ Feed Manufacturer(s) client duly licensed/registered under the Bureau of Animal Industry.

c.2. The Feed Control Officer (FCO) shall be notified regarding the said POs prior to the SPSIC application for proper assessment.

c.3. The volume of importation per PO shall depend on the plant/warehouse/utilization capacity for a given time.

Others:

- Upon arrival at the importer/trader’s depot, the first and final distribution shall proceed directly to the processing plant/warehouse of the end-user/feed manufacturer client (distribution to another trader no longer applies).
- Only palm oil/olein per se shall be allowed importation (the refined, bleached and deodorized (RBD) form of palm oil/olein no longer applies).”

According to BAI, the new requirements were added to ensure that only quality palm oil/olein is imported for use by the domestic livestock, poultry, aqua and pet industry as specified under the Philippine Standards for Animal Feeds.

Under Section 109 of the Tax Code, animal feeds and feed ingredients are exempt from paying Value Added Tax of 12 percent. Moreover, certain agricultural products depending on use have different tariff rates such as feed wheat (0-7 percent) vs. food wheat (0-3 percent) under MFN or other preferential trade agreements.

DA Memorandum Order No. 37 is attached.

Attachments:

[mc37_s2023.pdf](#)