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Report Highlights:

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo has ordered the extension of the duty-free importation of milling wheat to keep flour and bread prices stable. The order is effective retroactive January 12, 2012.

General Information:

The Philippine government last year (GRP) issued Executive Order 765 allowing the zero-duty importation of wheat for the first six months of 2009. The GRP then issued Executive Order 818 (EO 818) in July last year which extended the duty free importation of food wheat for another six months, but restored the original 7-percent tariff on feedwheat imports until the end of 2009. EO 818 expired January 12, 2010 but was extended by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo very recently to keep flour and bread prices stable. An Executive Order to this effect, however, has not yet been issued. Under

normal circumstances, milling wheat imports will have a 3 percent MFN tariff.

Food Additive Regulations:

Biotechnology Trade and Production: