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**SUBJECT: GUIDELINES ON THE IMPORTATION OF PLANTS,
PLANTING MATERIALS AND PLANT PRODUCTS
FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES**

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 292, s. of 1987, Republic Act (RA) 10845, RA 10611, RA 7394, RA 7581, RA 8752, Presidential Decree 1433, as amended, Office of the President Administrative Order (AO) 31, s. of 2012, Department of Agriculture (DA) AO No. 23, s. of 2011, Memorandum Order No. 1, s. of 2010, DA AO 9, s. of 2010 and relevant international agreements to which the Philippines is a signatory, the following guidelines on the importation of plants, planting materials and plant products to the Philippines are hereby issued:

ARTICLE I GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. Objective - This Circular aims to rationalize and enhance requirements and procedures in the importation of plants, planting materials and plant products for commercial purposes.

SECTION 2. Definition of Terms

1. BPI SPS Import Clearance (SPSIC) - document issued prior to importation by the Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI) to ensure that products being imported meet standards to protect human, animal or plant life or health, ensuring that the products are safe for consumers and to prevent the spread of pests or diseases to animals or plants. Such document also prescribes the conditions to be complied with by the importer for the maintenance of quality and suitability of the product for the intended purposes.
2. Commodity - A type of plant, planting material, plant product or other article being moved for trade or other purpose.

