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GENERAL MEMORANDUM
ORDER NO. FAO 2

SUBJECT: **Elimination of collection of fees for Export Permit, Export Commodity Clearance and other clearances and certifications for the export of fish and fishery/aquatic products**

In compliance with Executive Order No. 554 entitled, "Directing all Departments, Bureaus, Commissions, Agencies, offices and instrumentalities of the national government, including Government-Owned and/or Controlled Corporations, to improved the competitiveness of the country's export sector by eliminating the fees and charges imposed on export clearances, inspections, permits, certificates, and other documentation requirements", **the collection of fees for the issuance of such permits/clearances and/or certificates is hereby eliminated.**

Further, the issuance of Export Permits, Export Commodity Clearances, Sanitary/Health Certificates and/or other food safety and quality related certificates for the export of said products, as required by the importing countries, and/or as a result of international agreements on the trade of fish and fishery/aquatic products, shall continue: *Provided*, that the products and the establishment where the products are manufactured are in consistent compliance with the importing country's and the national food safety requirements.

This Order shall take effect this 2nd day of January 2007 and shall remain in force unless modified or revoked in writing.

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Director