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## ADVISORY

### Subject: Advisory for rice exports to Philippines- reg.

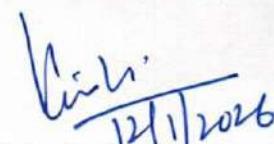
This has reference to the APEDA Advisory CRL-2020-21-000031 dated 21.11.2025 regarding the extension in suspension of importation of rice by the Philippines and thereby, the temporary suspension of issuance of RCAC for Export of milled non-Basmati Rice to the Philippines (Copy enclosed).

Subsequent to the issuance of the above Advisory, in a press release issued by the Department of Agriculture, Government of the Philippines concerning import of rice, it is stated that:

- a. Bureau of Plant Industry will begin processing applications for Sanitary and Phytosanitary Import Clearances (SPICs) covering about 500,000 metric tons of rice, including the 50,000 metric tons reserved for Government Agencies.
- b. All shipments must arrive by mid-February to prevent imported rice from weighing on palay prices at the start of the summer harvest.
- c. When importation resumes, tariffs will rise to 20 percent from 15 percent.
- d. Rice imports during the January - February window will be limited to 17 ports nationwide: Manila, Batangas, Tacloban, Bacolod, Iligan, Cagayan de Oro, Davao, Zamboanga, Cebu, Iloilo, Capiz, Tagbilaran, Dumaguete, Subic, Calbayog, General Santos, and Tabaco.

In the light of the above, APEDA will resume the issuance of RCAC's for export of milled non-Basmati rice to the Philippines with immediate effect. Further, it is possible that the Government of the Philippines may issue the relevant notifications concerning the above measures in due course.

However, stakeholders are also requested to watch over the latest developments in Philippines for any change in the policy conditions related to rice. In case of any doubt, it is advised to consult EoI(Manila)/APEDA, as a note of abundant caution, before deciding on the shipment.



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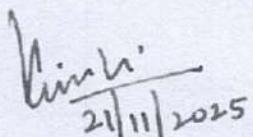
## Advisory

### Subject: Extension in suspension of Importation of Rice by the Philippines -reg.

Philippines had imposed a 60-day suspension on importation of well-milled and regular-milled rice, commencing from 01 Sep 2025, which was supposed to have expired on 01 Nov 2025. Other rice varieties such as Basmati or fragrant rice were excluded from the purview of import-suspension.

2. As intimated by EOI Manila, the Philippines government has now extended the ban on the above mentioned rice imports till the end of this year (31 Dec 2025).

3. In view of the above, APEDA shall for the time being suspend issuance of RCAC for Export of milled non-Basmati Rice to the Philippines, till the said import restriction is revoked by the Philippines Government.



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