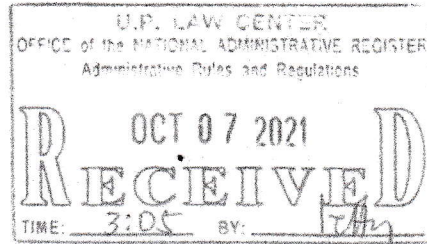


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**SUBJECT: Protocol for the Conduct of Risk Categorization for the Importation of Plant Food**

Pursuant to Republic Act (RA) No. 10611 also known as *Food Safety Act of 2013* and its implementing rules and regulations, this Order is hereby issued.

**ARTICLE I  
BASIS FOR RISK CATEGORIZATION**

Section 1. The information provided by the risk profiles of plant food, exporting country and importer generated by the BPI-PPSSD shall be the basis for the conduct of risk categorization.

**ARTICLE II  
PRE-BORDER RISK CATEGORIZATION**

Section 2. *Objectives.* Risk categorization prior to import of plant food shall be conducted to prioritize bilateral arrangements with the exporting country pertaining to the import of the plant foods into the Philippines.

Section 3. *Criteria.* The following criteria shall be the basis for the pre-border risk categorization.

1. Exporting country's food control system
  - a. *High Risk* shall refer to an exporting country with less significant; unknown food controls; with a history of non-compliance with its food safety management system; or, violations of food safety rules and certifications.

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- b. *Low Risk* shall refer to an exporting country with significant food controls; and, no history of non-compliance with its food safety management system or violations of food safety rules and regulations.

$$2. \text{ Percent volume of imported plant food} = \frac{\text{volume of import of plant food per exporting country}}{\text{total volume of import of plant food}} \times 100$$

Section 4. *Conduct of Risk Categorization.* The categorization shall be conducted through the Pre-Border Risk Categorization Scoring Matrix (Table 1). The score shall be determined based on the criteria in Section 3 and the indicators in the following matrix:

Table 1. Pre-Border Risk Categorization Scoring Matrix

Exporting Country Food Control System		Percent Volume of Imported Plant Food	
Indicator	Score	Indicator	Score
High Risk	2	>25%	2
Low Risk	0	>5% - 25%	1
		≤ 5%	0

Section 5. *Determining the Risk Management Action.* The selection of risk management action shall be based on the combined score from the exporting country's food control system and percent volume of import as indicated in the following matrix:

Table 2. Risk Management Action Selection Matrix

Combined Score	Risk Management Action <sup>a</sup>
0	Priority 4 for potential bilateral agreement
1	Priority 2 for potential bilateral agreement
2 (low risk exporting country food control system)	Priority 1 for potential bilateral agreement
2 (high risk exporting country food control system)	Priority 3 for potential bilateral agreement
≥3	Consider other pre-border or in-country controls

a- percentage = volume of import of plant food per exporting country / total volume of import of plant food; volume shall be expressed in metric tons.

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**ARTICLE III  
BORDER RISK CATEGORIZATION**

Section 6. *Objectives.* Risk categorization for entry of plant food at the border shall be conducted to determine plant foods for priority inspection and sampling.

Section 7. *Criteria.* The following criteria shall be the basis for the border risk categorization.


1. Potential risks in plant food
  - a. *High Risk* shall refer to plant food that contains pathogenic micro-organisms and will support the formation of toxins or the growth of pathogenic microorganisms or foods that contain harmful chemicals;
  - b. *Medium Risk* shall refer to plant food which contains pathogenic microorganism but will not normally support growth;
  - c. *Low Risk* shall refer to plant food which is unlikely to contain pathogenic microorganism, toxin, heavy metals and/or pesticide residues.
2. Intended use: direct use (fresh food) or indirect use (ingredient for food processing)
3. Percent volume of imported plant food (refer to Section 3)
4. Exporting country's food control system (refer to Section 3)

Section 8. *Conduct of Risk Categorization.* The categorization shall be conducted through the Border Risk Categorization Scoring Matrix (Table 3). The score shall be determined based on the criteria in Section 7 and the indicators in the following matrix:

Table 3. Border Risk Categorization Scoring Matrix

Potential Risks in Plant Food		Intended Use		Percent Volume of Import		Exporting Country's Food Control System	
Indicator	Score	Indicator	Score	Indicator	Score	Indicator	Score
High Risk	2	Direct Use (Fresh)	5	>25%	2	High Risk	2
Medium Risk	1	Processed	0	>5% - 25%	1	Low Risk	0
Low Risk	0			≤ 5%	0		

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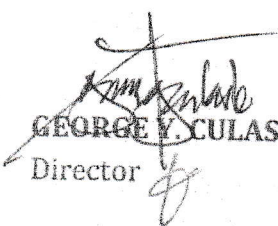
Section 9. *Determining the Risk Management Action.* The selection of risk management action shall be based on the combined score from the potential risk in plant food, intended use, percent volume of import and exporting country's food control system as indicated in the following matrix:

Table 4. Risk Management Action Selection Matrix

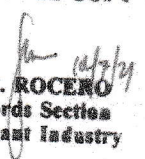
Combined Score	Risk Management Action
>10	Shall be subjected to 100% sampling and inspection
8-9	Shall be subjected to 50% sampling and inspection
7	Shall be subjected to 20% sampling and inspection
≤6	Shall be subjected to 5% random sampling and inspection

**ARTICLE V  
EFFECTIVITY**

Section 16. *Effectivity.* This Order shall take effect after registration with the Office of the National Administrative Register, UP Law Center.

  
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