

Current situation on inspection activities for port control/ Port State Measures

Philippines

July 22-26, 2019

Legal Basis in Implementing the Law

- This is Republic Act 8550 (effective in March 23, 1998) "*The Philippine Fisheries Code*", as amended by Republic Act 10654 (February 27, 2015) ; "*An Act to Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing*"
- The RA 9147 otherwise known as the "*Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act*" and
- RA 10611 otherwise known as the *Food Safety Act of 2013*.
- The various Fisheries Administrative Order, BFAR Circulars and DA Administrative Orders are all implementing rules and regulations

Major Activities undertaken

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Designated Ports in the Philippines



Davao Fish Port Complex

General Santos Fish Port Complex

Creation of One Stop Action Center (OSAC)

- BFAR as the lead agency,
- PFDA - Phil. Fisheries Development Authority,
- PCG – Philippine Coast Guard,
- BOC – Bureau of Customs,
- BI – Bureau of Immigration,
- BOQ – Bureau of Quarantine,
- BPI – Bureau of Plant Industry, and
- BAI – Bureau of Animal Industry.

Boarding and Inspection Formalities

The following documents and equipments to the Boarding and Inspection Team (BAIT):

- Inward/Outward Foreign Manifest / Cargo stowage plan
- Last Port of Call;
- Original copy of vessel's registration papers and fishing license;
- Original copy of catch report/logsheets;
- Vessel Logbook;
- Crew list, with nationalities of the crew;
- Maritime Declaration of Health, valid Deratting Certificate, Medicine Chest Certificate and Vaccination list;
- Seaman's Book / Passports of Crew and/or Seaman's VISA;
- Access to Vessel Monitoring System; and
- Other documents and equipment as deemed necessary.

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Identified Strategies of Cooperation (Seminar PSMA)

- Recruitment of additional personnel
- Conduct capacity building (Boarding Inspection Team and legal matters)
- Finalize draft Manual of Operation
- Procurement of equipments and furnitures
- Establish /Improve One Stop Action Center (OSAC) Office

Initiatives Undertaken

Activities undertaken

1. Establishment of eCDTS
2. Draft and ongoing consultation on the Regulations and Implementing Guidelines on Purse Seine/Ring Net Operations in the Phil. EEZ and High Seas Adjacent to the Phil. EEZ
3. Establishment the Management Office for VMS and the Integrated Marine Environment Monitoring System (IMEMS) PHASE 2
4. Deployment of National/Regional Fisheries Observer with commercial Fishing Vessels (Local/High Seas)
5. Approved Policies, Rules and Regulations

**BFAR ADMINISTRATIVE)
CIRCULAR NO. 252 :**
Series of 2014)

**SUBJECT : RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING DISTANT-WATER
FISHING BY PHILIPPINE-FLAGGED FISHING VESSELS**

- International Fishing Permit
- Registered with the RFMO or the Coastal State
- Compliance with rules and regulations of the RFMO; Coastal State;
- Compliance with the safety, manning and other requirements of MARINA; concerned national fishery agencies;
- Compliance with vessel marking and specification requirements of the RFMO;
- Fisheries observer coverage in accordance with the conservation and management measures of the RFMO (catcher vessels);
- Equipped with a two-way ALC; one-way for light boats
- Timely Reporting of Catch, Vessel Entry and Exit
- Inspection and Monitoring of Port Landings in authorized port
- Declaration of Landing in Foreign Ports.

SBFAR ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR No. 251
SERIES OF 2014

TITLE: TRACEABILITY SYSTEM FOR FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS

- Establishes traceability system for wild-caught and farmed fish; other aquatic products
- Data requirements for business operators in the supply chain
- Competent authority to refer to Observer reports, VMS and Tracking, LGU registration
- Responsibilities of Competent Authority to ensure compliance to traceability requirements