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Additional Requirements for the Importation of Food Products

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Report Highlights:

Due to the proliferation of unsafe imported processed food products in the market, on July 12, 2007, the Philippine Department of Health's Bureau of Food and Drug (BFAD) released Bureau Circular No 2007-006, which provides for additional requirements for the importation of Food Products for distribution in the Philippines.

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Due to the proliferation of unsafe imported processed food products in the market (see GAIN RP7042), on July 12, 2007, the Philippine Department of Health's Bureau of Food and Drug (BFAD) released Bureau Circular No 2007-006, which provides for additional requirements for the importation of Food Products for distribution in the Philippines.

BC 2007-006 requires that a Certificate of Product Registration (CPR) be issued by BFAD for all imported processed food products prior to sale or distribution in the market. Moreover, all food importers must present the original copy of the CPR to the Bureau of Customs as part of the requirement before releasing imported food products to the market.

The BFAD now also requires that the original Certificate of Free Sale from the Regulatory Agency of the country of origin and the pro-forma invoice be presented prior to the issuance of a License to Operate to a food importer. The authenticated copy of the Certificate of Free Sale must also be included in the application documents for CPR.

The complete requirements for the registration of processed food products offered for retail sale is available in GAIN RP7050 or the Philippines Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards (FAIRS) Country Report.

The complete text of BC 2007-006 may be downloaded from:

<http://www.bfad.gov.ph/BC/BC-2007-006.pdf>