ORDER NO. 24

SUBJECT: Regulations governing the scientific examination of fish caught or carried by fishing boats, and for other purposes.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 79 (b) of the Administrative Code, of Section 4 of Act 4003, as amended, and of Republic Act 177, the following rules and regulations governing the scientific examination of fish, are hereby promulgated for the information and guidance of all concerned:

1. Report of licensee, operator, or captain (patron) of a fishing boat. The licensee, operator, or master (patron) of a fishing boat shall, upon arrival at the fish landing, submit a report to the Bureau of Fisheries or its authorized agent, or inspector, a signed statement of the kind and quantity of fish caught or carried during each trip on Fisheries Form No. 7 (a) revised, to be furnished by the Bureau of Fisheries. The said report shall contain the names and addresses of the operator or master (patron) and all the members of the crew; and a statement to the effect that the fish caught or carried in the holds of the fishing boat were not caught with the use of explosives or poisonous substances.

2. Samples of fish. The licensee, operator, or captain (patron), submitting the report shall allow the Bureau of Fisheries or its authorized representatives and such other authorized agents to secure samples of fish caught or carried in the holds of fishing boats for scientific examination. Such samples shall be properly receipted on Fisheries Form No. 7 (d) of the Bureau of Fisheries.

3. Scientific examination. The samples of fish received from fishing boats shall be properly identified and scientifically examined by the Bureau of Fisheries or other agencies of the Government to determine whether such samples have been caught with the use of explosives or poison.

4. Penal Provision. Any violation of the provisions of this administrative order shall subject the offender to prosecution and upon conviction, shall suffer the penalty provided in Section 83, of Act 4003, which is a fine of not more than two hundred pesos, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the Court.

5. Date of effectivity of this order. This Administrative Order shall take effect sixty (60) days after its
publication in the Official Gazette.

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