ORDER NO. 79-1

SUBJECT: Amending Sections 9 and 22 of Fisheries Administrative Order No. 79, entitled "Rules and regulations governing the issuance of concessions or permits for pearl culture and production within established government farms."

Section 1. Sections 9 and 22 of Fisheries Administrative Order No. 79, are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 9. Bond: Before any concession or permit may be issued, the applicant shall, as guarantee of good faith for the satisfactory compliance with the Fisheries Act, the rules and regulations and the terms and conditions of the concession or permit and the payment of the annual fees and charges due, be required to deposit with the Commission a cash bond in the amount of P1,000.00 or in lieu thereof a surety bond duly executed by a surety company of good standing, in which case the bond shall be increased by not less than twenty-five per centum such bond to be maintained in force throughout the duration of the concession or permit.

Section 22. Exportation: Except as herein provided, pearls produced in pearl farms or areas under concession or permit shall not be allowed for exportation from the Philippines unless effected through a special permit from the Commissioner of Fisheries. An application for special permit together with the export entry shall be presented at least five (5) days before the exportation of such pearls and for such special permit a fee of four (4) pesos shall be collected. The Philippine Fisheries Commission shall not be responsible for any unavoidable delay in the inspection of such pearls for which the application is received less than five (5) days before the shipment is to leave.

A special permit shall not be issued unless the exportation of such pearls have been inspected by the Commissioner of Fisheries or his duly authorized representative. After such inspection a Certificate of Inspection shall be issued and the container of the exported pearls properly sealed and marked, if the pearls have been properly graded, classified and priced for export purposes.

The grading and/or classification of pearls shall be as to (1) size (largest diameter in millimeters passing through the center), (2) weight in grams, (3) shape whether spherical or baroque, and, (4) color whether silver, blue, green, pink, rainbow, cream, yellow (or golden) and black (dark, rich-blue gray or gunmetal).
The exporter shall accomplish a form in five (5) copies to be furnished by the Philippine Fisheries Commission, indicating in said form among other things the grade and/or classification and prices of the pearls for export. The original of the form and a carbon copy shall be issued to the exporter, one carbon copy shall be issued for the Commissioner of Customs thru the exporter and the last two copies shall be retained by the Commissioner of Fisheries.

For the inspection and such other things as may be necessary, a fee equivalent to TWO PER CENTUM OF THE DECLARED VALUE of the pearl shall be paid.

In case the exporter of such pearls is not the concessionaire and/or permittee, a bill of sale for the pearls traceable to a concessionaire or permittee shall be submitted together with the export entry and the exporter’s declaration.

The exporter or carrier who exports or which carries pearls without the special permit, the certificate of inspection and fees herein required shall be responsible for such violation and shall be penalized in accordance with Section 6 of Republic Act No. 3512. The violation when committed by a concessionaire and/or permittee shall constitute sufficient cause for the cancellation of the concession or permit and confiscation of the bond.

Section 2. All regulations, orders or parts thereof inconsistent with this Administrative Order are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This Administrative Order shall take effect Sixty (60) days after its publication in the Official Gazette.

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