subject: Regulations Governing the Exportation of Pearls and For Other Purposes.

pursuant to the provisions of section 4, act no. 4003, as amended, otherwise known as the fisheries act, and of section 4(c) of republic act no. 3512, "an act creating a fisheries commission, defining its powers and functions, and appropriating funds therefor", the following rules and regulations governing the exportation of pearls from the philippines are hereby promulgated:

section 1. 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 thru a special permit issued by the commissioner of fisheries.

an application for special permit duly accomplished on a prescribed form shall be presented together with a copy of the export entry at least five (5) days before the scheduled date of the exportation of such pearls, except saturday, sunday or official public holiday. the philippine fisheries commission shall not be held responsible for any delay whatsoever for any application received less than five (5) days before the shipment is to leave. for the issuance of such special permit, a fee of four (±4.00) pesos shall be collected.

sec. 2. Before the issuance of a special permit, the pearls shall be inspected by the commissioner of fisheries, or his duly authorized representative after which a certificate of inspection shall be issued.

the certificate of inspection, among other things, shall contain the following information: (1) size - average long axis measurement in millimeters; (2) weight - in grams; (3) shape - whether spherical or baroque;
(4) Color — whether silver, blue, green, pink, rainbow, cream, yellow or golden and black (dark-blue grey or gun metal); and (5) Quantity — in pieces, which shall be entered on a prescribed form in five (5) copies furnished by the Philippine Fisheries Commission. The original and one copy thereof shall be issued to the exporter, one carbon copy for the Commissioner of Customs thru the exporter, and the last two carbon copies shall be retained by the Commissioner of Fisheries.

For the gathering and inspection fees and other administrative services that may be necessary thereto, a fee equivalent to TWO PER CENTUM (2%) OF THE DECLARED VALUE of the exportation shall be paid.

SEC. 3. Violation of this Order shall subject the offender to the penalty provided under Section 83 of the Fisheries Act, as amended, and/or Section 6 of Republic Act No. 3512. The violation, if committed by a permittee or concessionaire, shall be sufficient cause for the cancellation of the permit or concession.

SEC. 4. All regulations, orders or parts thereof, inconsistent with this Administrative Order are hereby repealed.

SEC. 5. This Administrative Order shall take effect upon its approval.

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