SUBJECT: Banning the exportation of live gravid shrimps of the genus Peneaeus

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 4, 7 and 18 of Presidential Decree No. 704, otherwise known as the Fisheries Decree of 1975, for the conservation and protection of fish and fishery/aquatic resources, the following rules and regulations banning the exportation of live gravid shrimps of the genus Peneaeus are hereby promulgated:

SECTION 1. Definition. - For purposes of this Order, shrimps refer to aquatic animals belonging to the family Penaeidae of the genus Peneaeus, with its body somewhat or moderately compressed, smooth/rough body, banded or not, comprising a carapace with spines and grooves, a rostrum usually with ten spines/teeth, a pair of long antenna, a pair of antennule, elongated eyes, abdomen with six segments, telson, five pairs of long slender walking legs and five pairs of swimming legs (pleopods).

SEC. 2. Prohibition. - It shall be unlawful for any person, partnership, association, cooperative, or corporation to export or cause to be exported live gravid shrimps belonging to the family Penaeidae of the genus Peneaeus: Provided, However, That the Director of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources may grant a special permit to export live gravid shrimps not exceeding twenty (20) pieces for scientific and/or educational purposes, subject to such terms and conditions as may be imposed.

SEC. 3. Penal clause. - Any violation of this Order shall subject the offender to a fine of from five hundred pesos (P500.00) to five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) or imprisonment from six (6) months to four (4) years, or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court: Provided, That the Director of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources is hereby empowered to impose an administrative fine of not more than five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) and summary confiscation of the live gravid shrimps including the container thereof in favor of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources.

SEC. 4. Repealing clause. - All existing administrative orders, rules and regulations or any part thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.
SEC. 31. EFFECTIVE - This Administrative Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette and in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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