SUBJECT: Amending Sections 2 and Section 3 of Fisheries Administrative Order No. 225 Series of 2007 and providing for additional provision under Section 2 hereof

SECTION 1. Section 2 and 3 of FAO No. 225 s. 2007 are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2. Requirements for Import and Culture - The import and culture of *Penaeus vannamei* shall be subject to the following conditions.

a. Import shall be limited only to broodstock shrimps.

b. All imports must be certified as Specific Pathogen Free / Specific Pathogen Resistant or SPF/SPR by the competent authority of the originating country.

c. Only shrimp hatcheries accredited by the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) shall be allowed to import SPF or SPR *Penaeus vannamei* broodstock.

d. The importing accredited hatchery may transfer nauplii and other larval stages to another similarly accredited hatchery for rearing into postlarvae provided such receiving accredited hatchery has been pre-identified and has been accredited by BFAR.

e. Only shrimp farms accredited by the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) shall be allowed to culture SPF/SPR *P. vannamei* using shrimp postlarvae coming from accredited hatcheries.

Section 3. Guidelines for Import and Culture - Guidelines for the import of broodstock shrimps and the process of accreditation of hatcheries applying for license to import and propagate the aforementioned shrimp species and of shrimp farms wishing to culture the same shall follow the provisions of FAO 225-, as amended and shall form part of this Order. BFAR shall update these guidelines as required to reflect developments in technology and industry, upon
consultation with industry stakeholders.

SECTION 2. Effectivity. – This order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette and/or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation and fifteen (15) days after its registration with the Office of the National Administrative Register.

ISSUED this ______ day of ______ 2008 at Quezon City, Metropolitan Manila, Philippines.

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