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**AN ACT**  
**AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8178 OR THE**  
**"AGRICULTURAL TARIFFICATION ACT OF 1996," AS AMENDED**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The passage of the Rice Tariffication Act last February 2019 resulted in a decline of rice retail price from PhP 40.75 per kilo in 2018 to PhP 36.93 per kilo in 2020. However, the price of rice has increased from there, to PhP 51.41 in April 2024. In addition, the subsequent large scale rice importation has resulted in a decrease of the farmgate price of dry palay, from PhP 20.40 per kilo in 2018 to PhP 16.72 per kilo in 2020, before increasing to PhP 24.52 in 2024 due to the *El Nino* phenomenon.

While the Philippines' compliance with its World Trade Organization (WTO) obligation to impose a bound tariff rate system through the Rice Tariffication Act is important, recent experience asserts government's role in managing, regulating, and even intervening in national rice supplies to guarantee food security and farmers' income.

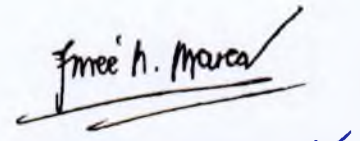

This bill seeks firstly to expand the function of the national rice buffer to cover both natural catastrophes and commodity crises. It explicitly defines the power of the Executive to automatically undertake safeguards and other measures in the event of both a rice shortage, as predicted to happen in the near future, and a rice surplus, as endured through February 2019 by allowing the government to either undergo or stop importation of rice as needed.

The bill defines and strengthens the power of the Department of Agriculture to monitor warehouses and other related entities to prevent rice hoarding. It also allows the Department of Agriculture to import rice for price stabilization purposes. The bill also imposes fines for non-utilization and under-utilization of import permits.

As far as the development of the sector is concerned, the bill expands the Rice Fund to PhP 15 billion and extends its life up to 2031. It also allocates 5% of the Rice

Fund to local government units for buying palay, 5% as a subsidy as milling, and 5% as financial assistance for rice cooperatives and farmer's associations.

For the abovementioned urgent reasons, the passage of this bill is sought.

  
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

**SECTION 1.** Section 3 (e) of R.A. No. 8178 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 3 (e) 'Buffer Stock' refers to the optimal level of rice inventory that shall be maintained at **ALL TIMES FOR USE DURING EMERGENCIES, IN ORDER** [~~any given time to be used for emergency situations and~~] to sustain the disaster relief programs of the government during natural or man-made calamities, **AS WELL AS DURING COMMODITY MARKET CRISES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF STABILIZING PRICES IN THE COMMUNITY MARKET AND ENSURING FOOD SECURITY;**"

xxx."

**SEC. 2.** Section 4 of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 8178, as amended by R.A. No. 11203, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. Repeal. – The following laws and all other laws or provisions of law prescribing quantitative import restrictions or granting government agencies the power to impose such restrictions on agricultural products or hindering the



1 liberalization of the importation, exportation and trading of rice  
2 are hereby repealed[-], **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER**  
3 **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8800, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE**  
4 **SAFEGUARD MEASURES ACT.**

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6 "X X X."  
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8 **SEC. 3.** A new Section 5 is hereby inserted after Section 4 of R.A. No. 8178, as  
9 amended, to read as follows:

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11 **"SEC. 5. STRENGTHENING THE REGULATORY**  
12 **FUNCTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
13 **(DA). – THE DA SHALL EXERCISE ITS AUTHORITY TO**  
14 **OVERSEE AND ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH ALL**  
15 **PERTINENT STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS IN**  
16 **QUALITY AND SUPPLY OF RICE IN THE PHILIPPINES.**

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18 **THE DA IS HEREBY EMPOWERED TO:**

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20 **(1) REQUIRE THE REGISTRATION OF ALL GRAINS**  
21 **WAREHOUSES AND MAINTAIN A NATIONAL DATABASE**  
22 **OF SUCH REGISTRATIONS;**  
23 **(2) INSPECT WAREHOUSES, AGRICULTURAL**  
24 **FACILITIES, FARMS, AND RELATED ENTITIES AS**  
25 **NECESSARY TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH**  
26 **STANDARDS RELATED TO RICE QUALITY AND SUPPLY;**  
27 **AND**  
28 **(3) COLLECT AND ANALYZE DATA ON RICE TRADE**  
29 **ACTIVITIES FOR INFORMED POLICY AND**  
30 **OPERATIONAL DECISIONS.**

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32 **THE BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY (BPI) SHALL HAVE**  
33 **THE AUTHORITY TO INSPECT IN RELATION TO**  
34 **SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY STANDARDS AND**  
35 **FOOD SAFETY OF THE WAREHOUSES WHERE THE**  
36 **LOCAL MARKET PLAYERS (I.E. PADDY TRADERS,**  
37 **MILLERS, WHOLESALERS, AND RETAILERS) AND**  
38 **IMPORTERS STORE OR KEEP THEIR MILLED RICE.**

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40 **THE DA INSPECTORATE AND ENFORCEMENT SHALL**  
41 **HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ASSIST BPI IN CONDUCTING**  
42 **REGULAR AND UNSCHEDULED INSPECTIONS OF**  
43 **AGRICULTURAL FACILITIES, FARMS, AND RELATED**

1 ENTITIES TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH,  
2 SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS.

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4 *PROVIDED, THAT, IF SO REQUESTED BY THE DA, THE*  
5 *NFA, PNP, NBI, OR RELEVANT LGU OR OTHER*  
6 *GOVERNMENT AGENCY SHALL PROVIDE ITS PROMPT*  
7 *RESPONSE AND ASSISTANCE IN THE*  
8 *IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION."*  
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11 **SEC. 4.** A new Section 6 is hereby inserted after Section 5 of R.A. No. 8178, as  
12 amended, to read as follows:

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14 **"SEC. 6. POWERS OF DA ON PRICE STABILIZATION AND**  
15 **SUPPLY REGULATION. – THE SECRETARY OF THE**  
16 **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, UPON THE**  
17 **RECOMMENDATION OF THE NATIONAL PRICE**  
18 **COORDINATING COUNCIL (NPCC), OR LOCAL PRICE**  
19 **COORDINATING COUNCIL (LPCC) AS APPROVED BY**  
20 **THE NPCC, MAY DECLARE AN EMERGENCY, HEREIN**  
21 **REFERRED TO IN THIS ACT AS FOOD SECURITY**  
22 **EMERGENCY, DUE TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING**  
23 **CONDITIONS:**

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25 (I) A SHORTAGE IN THE SUPPLY OF RICE;  
26 (II) A SUSTAINED INCREASE IN THE PRICE OF RICE;  
27 OR  
28 (III) AN EXTRAORDINARY INCREASE IN THE  
29 PRICE OF RICE.

30 **WHEN SUCH CASES OCCUR, THE DA MAY:**

31 (1) USE EXISTING NFA INVENTORY, PRIMARILY  
32 INTENDED FOR BUFFER STOCKING, TO SUPPLY AREAS  
33 WHERE THE EXTRAORDINARY INCREASE IN PRICES OR  
34 ACUTE SHORTAGES IN SUPPLY OCCUR;

35 (2) REPLENISH THE INVENTORY UTILIZED FROM  
36 AVAILABLE LOCAL SOURCES;

37 (3) SHOULD THERE BE NO AVAILABLE LOCAL  
38 SOURCES, THEN THE DA MAY RESORT TO  
39 IMPORTATION; AND

40 (4) MAINTAIN A BUFFER FUND NOT EXCEEDING  
41 FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF THE ALLOCATION INTENDED  
42 FOR CALAMITIES TO BE AVAILED OF AND UTILIZED



1 **ONLY TO REPLACE THE VOLUME OF RICE INVENTORY**  
2 **UTILIZED FOR THE PURPOSE.**

3 **PROVIDED, THAT THE DISTRIBUTION OR SALE OF RICE**  
4 **IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION SHALL BE**  
5 **LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:**

- 6 (1) **GOVERNMENT AGENCIES/ENTITIES**  
7 **AUTHORIZED TO HANDLE SALE OF RICE;**  
8 (2) **RETAIL OUTLETS; AND**  
9 (3) **KADIWA STORES, CENTERS AND OUTLETS."**  
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11 **SEC. 5.** Section 5 of R.A. No. 8178, as amended, is hereby renumbered as  
12 Section 8 and further amended to read as follows:  
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14 "SEC. [5]8. Issuance of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Import  
15 Clearance for Rice for the Sole Purpose of Ensuring Food Safety.  
16 – All importers of rice are required to secure a Sanitary and  
17 Phytosanitary Import Clearance (SPSIC) from the Bureau of  
18 Plant Industry prior to importation in accordance with existing  
19 laws, rules and regulations: Provided, That the clearance shall  
20 not provide for import volume [~~and timing~~] restrictions:  
21 Provided, further, That failure on the part of the BPI to release  
22 the SPSIC without informing the rice importer of any error,  
23 deficiency, omission, or additional documentary requirement  
24 shall mean automatic approval of the SPSIC applied for within  
25 seven (7) days after submission of the complete requirements.  
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27 The imported rice should arrive before the [~~expiration of the~~  
28 ~~SPSIC from the BPI~~] **DATE INDICATED IN THE SPSIC**  
29 **ISSUED BY THE BPI, AFTER WHICH THE SPSIC SHALL**  
30 **BE CONSIDERED EXPIRED. THE BPI SHALL IMPOSE A**  
31 **FEE EQUIVALENT TO THE MARKET VALUE OF THE**  
32 **UNUTILIZED/UNDER-UTILIZED SPSIC TO ENSURE**  
33 **TIMELY ARRIVAL OF IMPORTED RICE.**  
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35 The food safety regulatory function of the NFA under Item (i),  
36 Section 16 of R.A. No. 10611, otherwise known as the 'Food  
37 Safety Act of 2013', is hereby transferred to the BPI."  
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39 **SEC. 6.** Section 7 of R.A. No. 8178 as amended, is hereby renumbered as Section  
40 10 and further amended to read as follows:  
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42 "Sec. [7] 10. *Powers of the President.* – Consistent with the  
43 Philippine national interest and the objective of safeguarding

1 Filipino farmers and consumers, the President is hereby  
2 empowered to act with full delegated authority subject to the  
3 provisions of the CMTA in the following circumstances:

4 "(a) The President may increase, reduce, revise, or adjust  
5 existing rates of import duty up to the bound rate committed by  
6 the Philippines under the WTO Agreement on Agriculture and  
7 under the ATIGA, including any necessary change in classification  
8 applicable to the importation of rice: Provided, That the power  
9 herein delegated to the President shall only be exercised when  
10 Congress is not in session: Provided, further. That any order  
11 issued by the President adjusting the applied tariff rates shall  
12 take effect fifteen (15) days after publication;

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14 (b) In the event of any imminent or forecasted shortage, or such  
15 other situation requiring government intervention, the President  
16 is empowered for a limited period and/or a specified volume, to  
17 allow the importation at a lower applied tariff rate to address the  
18 situation. Such order shall take effect immediately and can only  
19 be issued when Congress is not in session;

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21 **HOWEVER, WHEN THERE IS AN EXCESSIVE SUPPLY OF**  
22 **IMPORTED OR LOCAL RICE RESULTING IN A CRASH IN**  
23 **LOCAL RICE PRICES, THE PRESIDENT MAY SIMILARLY**  
24 **STOP OR PROHIBIT FURTHER IMPORTATION FOR A**  
25 **LIMITED PERIOD AND FOR SPECIFIED VOLUME UNTIL**  
26 **SUCH TIME AS BOTH RICE SUPPLY AND PRICES**  
27 **STABILIZE; and**

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29 (c) In case the calculated out-quota tariff rate referred to under  
30 Section 6 (c) of this Act exceeds one hundred percent (100%),  
31 the provision of Paragraph 1, Section 1608(a) of the CMTA shall  
32 also not apply.

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34 The power herein delegated to the President may be withdrawn  
35 or terminated by Congress through a Joint Resolution."

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37 **SEC. 7.** Section 8 of R.A. No. 8178 is hereby renumbered and amended to read  
38 as follows:

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2 "SEC. ~~[8]~~ 10. *Maintenance of Rice Buffer Stock.* – The NFA shall,  
3 in accordance with the **IMPLEMENTING** rules, regulations, and  
4 procedures to be promulgated, maintain **AND MANAGE AN**  
5 **OPTIMAL** [sufficient] rice buffer stock to be sourced solely from  
6 local farmers. **THE NFA SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO**  
7 **PURCHASE LOCAL MILLED RICE AS NECESSARY TO**  
8 **FULFILL ITS MANDATE UNDER THIS LAW, SUBJECT TO**  
9 **EXISTING LAWS, GOVERNMENT RULES, AND**  
10 **REGULATIONS.**

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12 **SEC. 8.** Sections 13 of R.A. 8178 is hereby renumbered and  
13 amended to read as follows:

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15 "Sec. ~~[13]~~ 17. Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund. -  
16 There is hereby created a Rice Competitiveness Enhancement  
17 Fund, herein referred to as the 'Rice Fund'. The Rice Fund shall  
18 consist of an annual appropriation of **FIFTEEN BILLION**  
19 **PESOS (P15,000,000,000.00)** [Ten billion pesos  
20 (P10,000,000,000.00 for the next six (6) years following the-  
21 approval of this Act] **UNTIL THE YEAR 2031** and shall be  
22 automatically credited to a Special Account in the General Fund  
23 of the National Treasury which shall be in place within ninety  
24 (90) days upon the effectivity of this Act.

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28 The amount allocated shall be released directly to the  
29 implementing agencies as provided for in this Act based on the  
30 objectives and plans of the rice industry roadmap: Provided,  
31 That the unutilized portion of the Rice Fund allocated to the  
32 implementing agencies **AND COLLECTIONS FROM**  
33 **REPAYMENTS FROM LOAN BENEFICIARIES INCLUDING**  
34 **INTERESTS, IF ANY,** shall not revert to the General Fund but  
35 shall continue to be used for the purpose for which it was set  
36 aside. Fund releases charged against the Rice Fund shall not be  
37 subject to any ceiling by the Department of Budget and  
38 Management (DBM).

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40 Any program undertaken in accordance with this Act shall only  
41 be deemed complementary and supplementary to and shall not  
42 be a replacement of any existing programs for rice and rice



farmers already implemented by the DA and other agencies concerned.

Subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations, the Rice Fund shall be allocated and disbursed to rice producing areas, as follows:

- (a) Rice Farm Machineries and Equipment – ~~[Fifty percent (50%)]~~ **THIRTY PERCENT (30%)** of the Rice Fund shall be released to and implemented by the Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PhilMech) as grant in kind to eligible farmers associations, registered rice cooperatives, and local government units (LGUs), in the form of rice farm equipment, **POSTHARVEST, AND PROCESSING FACILITIES** such as **WAREHOUSES, GRAIN STORAGE FACILITIES, DRYING FACILITIES**, tillers, tractors, seeders, threshers, rice planters, harvesters, irrigation pumps, small solar irrigation, reapers, driers, millers, and the like ~~[for purposes of improving farm mechanization]~~: Provided, That the PhilMech shall, whenever feasible, procure from accredited local manufacturers **AND MACHINE FABRICATORS IN ESTABLISHING FARM-LEVEL FABRICATION, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE FOR FARM IMPLEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT** to assist in the promotion of locally manufactured farm machineries and equipment;

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- (b) Expanded Rice Credit Assistance – Ten percent (10%) of the Rice Fund shall be made available in the form of credit facility with minimal interest rates and with minimum collateral requirements to rice farmers and cooperatives, to be managed equally by the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) and the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP)~~;~~ and].

**FURTHER, THE CREDIT ASSISTANCE COMPONENT OF RCEF SHALL OPERATE AS A REVOLVING FUND, WITH THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYMENTS ON LOANS MADE FROM THE FUND TO BE RE-**

1 DEPOSITED INTO THE FUND AND MADE AVAILABLE  
2 FOR NEW LOANS TO ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARIES IN  
3 ACCORDANCE WITH BUDGETING, ACCOUNTING  
4 AND AUDITING AND OTHER PERTINENT LAWS,  
5 RULES AND REGULATIONS;  
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9 (E) SOIL HEALTH IMPROVEMENT – THREE PERCENT  
10 (3%) OF THE RICE FUND SHALL BE RELEASED TO  
11 AND IMPLEMENTED BY THE BUREAU OF SOILS AND  
12 WATER MANAGEMENT (BSWM) AND SHALL BE USED  
13 TO ADDRESS THE MICRONUTRIENT DEFICIENCIES  
14 THAT LIMITS THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OTHER  
15 PRODUCTION SUPPORT SERVICES;  
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17 (F) PEST AND DISEASE MANAGEMENT – TWO  
18 PERCENT (2%) OF THE RICE FUND THROUGH BPI  
19 AND DA-RFO REGIONAL CROP PROTECTION CENTER  
20 SHALL INTEGRATE COMPREHENSIVE PEST AND  
21 DISEASE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES TO PROTECT  
22 AND ENHANCE RICE PRODUCTION;  
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24 (G) SUPPORT TO MILLING – FIVE PERCENT (5%) OF  
25 THE RICE FUND SHALL BE RELEASED AND  
26 IMPLEMENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF  
27 AGRICULTURE TO SUBSIDIZE MILLING OF PALAY;  
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29 (H) SUPPORT TO RICE PRODUCING LGUS - FIVE  
30 PERCENT (5%) OF THE RICE FUND SHALL BE  
31 RELEASED BY RICE PRODUCING LGUS TO  
32 IMPLEMENT PALAY BUYBACK PROGRAMS AS A  
33 MEANS FOR PRICE SUPPORT TO LOCAL FARMERS;  
34 AND  
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36 (I) SUPPORT TO COOPERATIVES AND FARMER  
37 ASSOCIATIONS - FIVE PERCENT (5%) OF THE RICE  
38 FUND SHALL BE RELEASED AND IMPLEMENTED BY  
39 THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO PROVIDE  
40 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO RICE FARMER  
41 ASSOCIATIONS AND COOPERATIVES;

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2 "Provided, furthermore, that if the annual tariff revenues  
3 from rice importation exceeds **FIFTEEN BILLION PESOS**  
4 **(P15,000,000,000.00)** [Ten billion pesos  
5 (P10,000,000,000.00)] in any given year [within the six (6)  
6 year period following the effectivity of this Act] **UNTIL THE**  
7 **YEAR 2031**, the excess tariff revenues shall be earmarked  
8 by Congress and included in the General Appropriations Act  
9 (GAA) of the following year:

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11 (a) Rice Farmer Financial Assistance – A portion of the  
12 excess rice tariff revenues shall be released to the DA  
13 and shall be used for providing direct financial assistance  
14 to rice farmers who are farming two (2) hectares and  
15 below regardless of whether they continue farming rice  
16 or not as compensation for the projected reduction or  
17 loss of farm income arising from the tariffication of the  
18 quantitative import restrictions on rice.  
19 **FARMWORKERS DISPLACED BY FARM**  
20 **MECHANIZATION AND OTHER MODERNIZATION**  
21 **SCHEMES, LISTED IN THE REGISTRY SYSTEM FOR**  
22 **BASIC SECTORS IN AGRICULTURE (RSBSA) ARE**  
23 **ALSO ENTITLED TO DIRECT FINANCIAL**  
24 **ASSISTANCE;**

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28 (d) Crop Diversification Program – ~~[A portion of the~~  
29 ~~excess tariff revenues shall be released to the DA and~~  
30 ~~shall be used for productivity enhancement]~~ **TWENTY**  
31 **PERCENT (20%) OF THE EXCESS TARIFF**  
32 **REVENUES SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR**  
33 **PRODUCTION-ENHANCEMENT** programs for rice  
34 farmers seeking to diversify production ~~[towards]~~ **TO**  
35 **other crops[.], POULTRY, LIVESTOCK, AND**  
36 **AQUACULTURE."**

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38 **(E) IN CASES OF FOOD SECURITY EMERGENCIES**  
39 **AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENT, A**  
40 **PORTION OF THE EXCESS TARIFF REVENUES**



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"Sec. 14. *Beneficiaries of the Rice Fund.* – The beneficiaries of the Rice Fund shall be those farmers and farmworkers [~~and their dependents~~] listed in the Registry System for Basic Sectors in Agriculture (RSBSA), **AND THEIR DEPENDENTS**, and rice cooperatives and associations accredited by the DA **AND OTHER KEY STAKEHOLDERS OF THE RICE VALUE CHAIN, INCLUDING INPUT SUPPLIERS, SERVICE PROVIDERS, RICE MILLERS, AND RICE-BASED FOOD MANUFACTURERS.** Within one hundred eighty (180) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DA. in consultation with farmers' cooperatives and organizations and LGUs, shall **REGULARLY** validate and update the masterlist of eligible beneficiaries to ensure that those listed are legitimate farmers, farmworkers and rice cooperatives and associations.

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"Sec. 15. *Rice Industry Roadmap*. – Upon the effectivity of this Act, the DA, together with the NEDA, Department of Finance (DOF), DBM, DAR, National Irrigation Administration (NIA), TESDA, PCIC, National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC) Farmer Sectoral Council Representative and other government agencies concerned, including rice farmer representatives, shall be given a maximum of one hundred eighty (180) days to formulate and adopt the rice roadmap to restructure the government's delivery of support services for the agricultural rice sector.

1 **(A) SHIFT THE RICE TOWARDS THE IMMEDIATE ACCESS**  
2 **OF RICE FARMERS TO CAPITAL MARKETS, WITH THE**  
3 **END OF DOUBLING THEIR INCOME WITHIN FIVE (5)**  
4 **YEARS;**

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6 "[a)] **(B)** Raise sustainable investments in the rice industry  
7 particularly [on] **WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF [rice-support]**  
8 **RURAL** infrastructure **SUCH AS FARM TO MARKET,**  
9 **IRRIGATION,** and post-harvest facilities;

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11 "[b)] **(C)** Improve the productivity, efficiency and profitability  
12 of small rice farmers and landless farmworkers;

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14 "[c)] **(D)** Strengthen research, [and] development [programs  
15 that will enhance the resiliency of the rice industry] **AND**  
16 **EXTENSION SERVICES ALONG SUSTAINABLE FARMING**  
17 **TECHNOLOGIES;**

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19 **(E) PROVIDE AND PROMOTE BACKWARD AND FORWARD**  
20 **LINKAGES OF AGRICULTURE TO INDUSTRIES AND TO**  
21 **THE LOCAL MARKETS;**

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23 "[d)] **(F)** Preserve and enhance the rice production capabilities  
24 of future generations;

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26 "[e)] **(G)** Provide accessible, targeted and technology-oriented  
27 support services that cover the entire value chain;

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29 "[f)] **(H)** Set up responsible, participatory and effective  
30 governance mechanisms; [and]

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32 "[g)] **(I)** Address impact of income loss caused by rice  
33 tariffication[.];

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35 **(J) ENFORCE THE LAWS AGAINST LARGE-SCALE**  
36 **AGRICULTURAL SMUGGLING, ANTI-DUMPING OF**  
37 **FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND RELATED**

1           **GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS TO PREVENT DAMAGE TO**  
2           **THE LOCAL RICE INDUSTRY;**

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4           **(K) AGGRESSIVELY UNDERTAKE SOIL AND WATER**  
5           **RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT THROUGH REHABILITATION,**  
6           **REGENERATION AND CONSERVATION OF WATERSHEDS**  
7           **AND AQUIFER IN TANDEM WITH THE NATIONAL GRID**  
8           **CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES (NCGP) OF THE**  
9           **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL**  
10          **RESOURCES (DENR) AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT**  
11          **UNITS (LGUS);**

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13          **(L) PROMOTE DIVERSIFIED FARMING SYSTEMS IN**  
14          **ORDER TO DEVELOP ON-FARM AND OFF-FARM**  
15          **LIVELIHOOD SOURCES FOR FARMERS.**

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18          **SEC. 11. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** - Within forty-five (45) days from  
19          effectivity of this Act, the DA, and DBM shall, in coordination with PhilMech, PhilRice,  
20          LBP, DBP, and other government agencies concerned and after consultation with  
21          directly affected stakeholders, promulgate the rules and regulations to effectively  
22          implement the provisions of this Act.

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24          **SEC. 12. *Separability Clause.*** - If for any reason any part or provision of this Act  
25          shall be deemed unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall  
26          not be affected and shall remain in force and effect.

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28          **SEC. 13. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, decrees, executive issuances, rules and  
29          regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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31          **SEC. 14. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
32          publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*