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PANGMANG PANGASINAN NG PATUBIG
(National Irrigation Administration)
Gusaling APC, Quezon Memorial Circle
Diliman, Lungsod ng Quezon

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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

TO : REGIONAL IRRIGATION ENGINEERS; IRRIGATION SUPERINTENDENTS; CASHIERS; BILL COLLECTORS; BILLING CLERKS; AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED
This Office

SUBJECT : Revised Rules and Regulations Governing the Operation and Maintenance of National Irrigation Systems and the Collection of Irrigation Fees in Kind (Palay)

There is attached herewith a copy of the amendment to the revised rules and regulations governing the operation and maintenance of national irrigation systems in regard to Sections 8, 9 and 10 thereof, for your information and compliance. For purposes of clarification, the revised irrigation fee rates shall take effect during the cropping season starting July 1, 1975, so that the cropping seasons for the Fiscal Year 1974-1975 would complete the full cycle.

Attached also is a copy of the Memorandum of Agreement between the National Irrigation Systems (NIA) and National Grains Authority (NGA) dated October 26, 1973 indicating therein the obligation of NIA to sell to the NGA the palay collected from beneficiaries of national irrigation systems, for proper information and reference.

In this connection, Irrigation Superintendents and/or Officers-in-Charge of national irrigation systems are hereby directed to submit the necessary information, estimates and/or recommendations on the following:

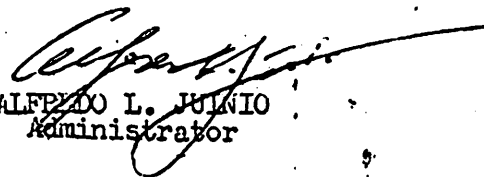
- 1) Number and composition of collection teams necessary to undertake the collection in kind for each irrigation system.
- 2) Number of sacks required during the rainy season crop; and during the dry season crop, including estimated cost.
- 3) Number and estimated cost of weighing scales (fulcrum type).
- 4) Number of trucks needed to undertake the hauling and transportation of palay stock, estimated rental rate, cost of fuel and oil and spare parts and total cost, of operation for the duration of the hauling period during each cropping season.
- 5) Total estimated cost for undertaking the collection of irrigation fees in kind during the rainy season crop; during the dry season crop and the average unit cost per cavan of palay delivered to NGA warehouse.

- 6) List of NGA warehouses in the locality or within the vicinity, including their capacities (Number of sacks at full capacity storage).
- 7) List of private bonded warehouses that may be used as depository of NIA palay collected as irrigation fees.

Inasmuch as the implementation of the revised rules and regulations will be effected very soon, it is directed that the necessary steps to plan out the training of personnel that will be involved in the collection of irrigation fees in kind in the regions; submit a list of the necessary personnel to undergo training; verify and recommend the most effective, efficient and economical operation for the collection of irrigation fees in kind in each of the systems within their respective regional jurisdictions.

Irrigation Superintendents shall submit the above information, estimates and/or recommendations to the Central Office not later than January 31, 1975, furnishing copies of the same to the corresponding Regional Irrigation Engineers.

Compliance is enjoined.


ALFREDO L. JUNIO
Administrator

December 11, 1974

MALACANANG
Manila

MEMORANDUM

TO : The Administrator
National Irrigation Administration

The approval of the proposed scheme of fees and charges for irrigation users as per the attached amendments to the revised rules and regulations governing the operation and maintenance of national irrigation systems, in regard to Sections 8, 9 and 9 thereof, is hereby granted.

In this connection, you are hereby directed and authorized to collect the irrigation fees and charges at the rates approved.

Coordination on this matter with the National Treasury is enjoined.

For compliance.

(SGD.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

Oct. 21, 1974

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AMENDMENTS TO THE REVISED RULES AND
REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE OPERATION AND
MAINTENANCE OF NATIONAL IRRIGATION SYSTEMS
IN REGARD TO SECTIONS EIGHT, NINE, AND TEN
THEREOF

Pursuant to Resolution No. 2231-74, dated January 28, 1974, of the Board of Directors of the National Irrigation Administration, and after considering other related matters, the Revised Rules and Regulations Governing the Operation and Maintenance of National Irrigation Systems is hereby amended so that Sections 8, 9, and 10 thereof shall read as follows:

"8. IRRIGATION FEES:

The rate of irrigation fees on all irrigation systems operated and maintained by the NIA shall be as follows:

- (a) For the rice crops in gravity irrigation systems, 2 cavans of palay per hectare for the wet season crop, 3 cavans of palay per hectare for the dry season crop, and 3 cavans of palay in case of a third crop;
- (b) For the rice crops in pump irrigation systems, 3 cavans of palay per hectare for the wet season crop, 5 cavans of palay per hectare for the dry season crop, and 5 cavans of palay per hectare in case of a third crop;
- (c) For annual crops such as sugar cane and bananas, the cash equivalent at prevailing government price of 5 cavans of palay per hectare in gravity irrigation systems and 8 cavans of palay per hectare in pump irrigation systems;
- (d) For all other crops, the same rates as that for the rice crops, except that payment shall be the cash equivalent of the rates of palay at the prevailing government price;

a cavan to be 50 kilograms net weight, and payment of irrigation fees to be in kind except as otherwise stipulated above, provided that NIA shall enter into agreements with the National Grains Authority and other institutions concerned to effect a workable system of collection, storage, and disposition of palay collected; provided, furthermore, that these rates shall be subject to further adjustment in the case of special projects like the Upper Pampanga River Project and projects utilizing groundwater where capital investments and operation and maintenance costs are higher, when final data become available; and provided, finally, that irrigation fees for benefited areas retained in ownership by the "Hacienda Luisita" in Tarlac, irrigated by the San Miguel Irrigation System in Tarlac, shall be in accordance with the provisions of existing contract between the Government and the Compañía General de Tabacos de Filipinas.

For the purpose of this section, the wet season crop is the crop harvested, and raised for the greater part of its growing period, during the wet season; the dry season crop is the crop harvested, and raised for the greater part of its growing period, during the dry season; and the third crop is the third harvest, if any, of the calendar year.

9. PAYMENT OF IRRIGATION FEES:

Except as otherwise provided in Section 8, irrigation fees shall be collected in kind, at the rates prescribed, for every crop harvested between January 1 and December 31 of the calendar year, these fees due for payment without penalty up to January 31 of the following year, after which penalty shall be levied on unpaid irrigation fees at the rate of one percent a month or fraction thereof, the penalty to be paid either in palay or in equivalent cash at the prevailing government price for palay.

10. EFFECTIVITY:

These rules and regulations shall take effect upon approval by the President of the Philippines. The rate of irrigation fees to be collected under Section 8,

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however, shall take effect on the cropping season immediately following approval by the President of the Philippines.

All rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby revoked."

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 1974 in Quezon City, Philippines.

(SGD.) DAVID M. COMSUNG

Chairman

Secretary of Public Works & Communications

(SGD.) FLORENTINO B. AGULLA

Vice-Chairman

Representative of Rice & Corn Industry

(SGD.) ARTURO R. TANGO

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Secretary of Agriculture & Natural Resources

(SGD.) MANUEL D. BARRETTO

Member

Chairman, National Power Corporation

(SGD.) ELISEO C. CARANDANG

Member

Director of Plant Industry

(SGD.) FRANCISCO F. SAGUIGUIT

Director, Bureau of Agricultural Extension

(SGD.) SENCIO B. REACOROS

Member

APPROVED:

FERDINAND E. MARCOS

President of the Philippines

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