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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

TO : THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATORS,  
DEPARTMENT MANAGERS, REGIONAL MANAGERS, OPERATION/  
PROJECT MANAGERS, PROVINCIAL IRRIGATION OFFICERS,  
IRRIGATION SUPERINTENDENTS AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2 DATED MARCH 20, 2003 of the  
Department of Agriculture on the Implementation of RA 8172

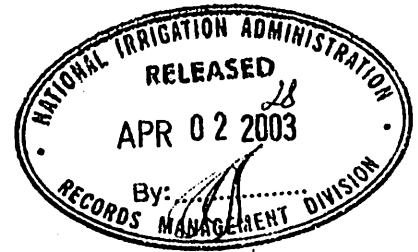
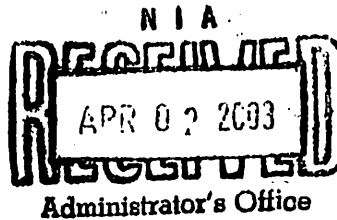
For the information and guidance of all concerned, attached is a copy of Memorandum Circular No. 2 dated March 20, 2003 from the Secretary of Agriculture and concurrent Chairman, NNC Governing Board and Salt Iodization Advisory Board urging all heads of DA Bureaus, attached agencies and corporations to help in the campaign for universal salt iodization and ensure the full-swing implementation of RA 8172 or the ASIN law.

Be guided accordingly.

  
JESUS EMMANUEL M. PARAS  
Administrator

April 22, 2003

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20 March 2003

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR  
NO. 2 Series of 2003

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TO : ALL HEADS OF DA BUREAUS, ATTACHED AGENCIES AND CORPORATIONS AND ALL REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT : SUPPORT OF DA IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RA 8172 "AN ACT PROMOTING SALT IODIZATION NATIONWIDE AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES"

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RA 8172 or the ASIN Law, which was enacted in December 1995, mandates the iodization of all salt for human and animal consumption. Salt iodization is among the most cost-effective interventions to prevent iodine deficiency disorders (IDD), which is the leading cause of preventable mental retardation and poor psychomotor development among young children resulting to poor work performance and low productivity in adulthood.

After seven years, compliance to RA 8172 remains very low with only about 25 percent of all households using iodized salt. It is for this reason that I, as chair of the NNC Governing Board and Salt Iodization Advisory Board, urge you to help in the campaign for universal salt iodization and ensure the full-swing implementation of the law.

Specifically, you are directed to:

1. ensure that your canteen concessionaires or operators use only iodized salt. The NNC Secretariat will be giving you the appropriate test kits to use in determining the presence of iodine in the salt; and
2. conduct an information campaign about the law directed to your employees and their families, along with the agency-clientele to encourage the use of only iodized salt.

For compliance.

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LUIS P. LORENZO, JR.

Secretary of Agriculture and  
Chairperson, NNC Governing Board and  
Salt Iodization Advisory Board

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