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## BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES STANDARDS

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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

THROUGH:

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FROM

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL AND ENDORSEMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL STANDARD (PNS) ON FISH AND

FISHERY PRODUCTS - MILKFISH -FRESH CHILLED AND FRESH

**FROZEN** 

DATE

**JUNE 8, 2020** 

The DA-Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS) has revised the Philippine National Standards (PNS) for Frozen milkfish (PNS/BAFS 66:2008). The revised draft standard provides the inclusion of other commercial forms of milkfish available in the market such as fresh chilled and fresh frozen whole gutted milkfish. The revision updates the quality and food safety requirements of milkfish in accordance with the current practices of the industry.

The said standard were reviewed through a series of meetings, field data gatherings and presented to a public consultation conducted in NCR and Pampanga with attendance from various stakeholders of the government, private sector, academe, and NGO.

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As a concluding step for the revision of the PNS on Fish and fishery products – Milkfish - Fresh chilled and fresh frozen , we are submitting the revised draft standard for your approval and consequent endorsement to the Bureau of Philippine Standards (BPS) for appropriate numbering and inclusion in the PNS repository.

For your perusal, Sir.

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