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Secretary of State
By: [signature]
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ORDER PROHIBITING THE EXPORTATION OF RICE TO ANY COUNTRY OUTSIDE OF PUERTO RICO

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WHEREFORE: There exists in Puerto Rico a serious scarcity of rice, to such a degree, that the existing inventories do not satisfy the demand for the product.

WHEREFORE: Rice is the principal product of the Puerto Rican diet and constitutes a staple commodity.

WHEREFORE: The Director of the Consumer Services Administration is authorized by Law to prohibit, by regulation or order, the exportation of staple commodities when in the Director's judgement such commodities are necessary for local consumption.

THEREFORE:

The Director of the Consumer Services Administration according to the powers conferred by Article 3, Section (d) of Law Number 228 of May 12, 1942, as ammended, hereby prohibits any person, natural or artificial, to export rice to any country outside of Puerto Rico. Any violation of the present Order shall entail the sanctions and penalties provided by Law.

This Order shall become effective commencing on March _____ 1973 and shall continue in force until it is repealed by the Director of the Consumer Services Administration.

Signed in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on March 15, 1973.

Federico Hernández Denton

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Director