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Subject : **Guidelines for Monitoring Iodized Salt**

At the Port

1. FDRO should have a complete list of salt importer in their area of jurisdiction
2. Regional BFAD must communicate with the salt importers to inform them of the following:
 - a. Revised IRR of ASIN Law
 - b. New tariff rate for salt (1% for both industrial and iodized)
 - c. Copy of the BOC Circular
 - d. Continuously inform BFAD of the schedule of arrival of salt shipment in advance
 - e. Secure clearance first from BFAD before imported can request for Authority to Release Imported Goods (ATRIG) from the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR)
3. Regional BFAD must regularly communicate with BOC District Collectors regarding the need to secure clearance first from BFAD before releasing the imported salts. (see attached list of BOC District Collectors)
4. Regional BFAD to make representation to the officials of the BIR regarding the need for BFAD clearance for imported salts before the issuance of ATRIG.
5. FDRO should make sure that before going to the port she/he is equipped with test kits (iodide and iodate) and that she/he has a vehicle to facilitate transport within the port or for easy mobility.

In the market

1. Regional BFAD to secure a list of salt traders and distributors. Inform them of RA 8172 – that only iodized salt will be traded for human and animal consumption.
2. Regional BFAD to secure a list of market administrator in their area of jurisdiction
3. Regional BFAD to write all market administrators to inform them of the following:
 - a. Provisions of RA 8172 – that only iodized salt will be sold by salt vendors in the market
 - b. That only iodized salt will be traded by salt distributors and traders
 - c. All salts being sold in the market should be properly labeled and price displayed.
4. During market testing, salt testing should be done in front of the vendor and representative of market administrator (if possible). If found negative, advice not to sell

because of their violation of the provision of RA 8172 and get name of distributor or trader to inform them of their violation. Give trader/distributor a warning to never again trade non-iodized salt to avoid penalty.

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