



FISHERIES ADMINISTRATIVE  
ORDER NO. 233-2  
Series of 2012

**SUBJECT: Amending Section 1 and Section 35.1E of Fisheries Administrative Order No. 233, series of 2010**

Pursuant to Section 21 of Republic Act No. 9147 authorizing the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture to impose reasonable fees and charges, including an export fee to be determined in consultation with stakeholders, FAO 233-1 series of 2011, is hereby amended as follows:

**Section 1.** Definition of terms and phrases. Section 1 of FAO No. 233-1, series of 2011, is hereby amended to include the following terms and phrases:

- a. Accents / In-lays – refer to pieces of shells, skin of seasnakes or any part of an aquatic organism that are set onto a piece of furniture, fashion jewelry, handicraft, apparel or accessory to accentuate, contrast with or complement a decorative style;
- b. Export value – refers to the total declared value in Philippine peso equivalent of a particular commodity, to be shipped out of the country, as shown in the proforma invoice;
- c. Shell discards – the parts or by-products of shelled molluscs that are disposed of after the edible flesh is removed; and,
- d. Specimen shell- refers to high value rare, exotic or common species of molluscs that are traded in their natural processed form.

**Section 2.** Section 2 E of FAO 233-1, series of 2011, is hereby amended as follows:

- A. In determining the export fee per shipment of live, fresh, chilled, frozen and processed food fish and fishery products, the following formula shall be used:

“Total Net Weight of raw material/commodity (W) multiplied by the prescribed rate in percent (R), multiplied by the price of raw material/commodity (P), which is the nationwide average wholesale price of the species or commodity of the previous year based either from DA-BAS data or market monitoring reports of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, on a per shipment basis” or  $W \times R \times P$  where,

W = total net weight of the raw material or commodity for export in kilogram;

R = rate of applicable fee in percent, and,

P = published average wholesale price in Philippine currency of the species or commodity of the previous year.



The rates of export fee using the above formula are as follows:

Raw Material/Commodity	Export Fee Rate
I. Regular Export Commodity Clearance	
a. Captured aquatic wildlife	
i. Caught/gathered in Philippine waters	0.20 %
ii. Caught outside Philippine waters	0 %
iii. Imported	0 %
b. Captive-bred aquatic wildlife	
i. Domesticated species and their progenies	Exempted
ii. Imported broodstock and their progenies, whether exotic or endemic species	Exempted
iii. Founder stocks sourced from hatchery/nursery and their progenies	Exempted
iv. Stocks grown from imported seed stocks (e.g., eggs, fry, post-larvae, juvenile, etc.)	Exempted
v. Founder stocks sourced from the wild and their progenies produced in captivity	0.15 %
vi. Seed stocks (e.g., eggs, fry, post-larvae, juvenile, etc.) sourced from the wild and grown for commercial purposes	0.20 %
vii. Progenies of threatened aquatic wildlife produced by Aquatic Wildlife Farms	2.0 %

B. In determining the export fee per shipment of live tropical/ornamental fish, the following formula shall be used:

$$\text{Export fee} = \text{Export fee rate} \times \text{Export value}$$

The rate of export fee for live tropical/ornamental fish is 1.0% of Export Value.

C. The export fee per shipment of shellcraft/handicraft/ornamental shell, specimen shell and dried non-food fish, shall be based on a fixed schedule of values depending on the amount of export

value stated in Annex A hereof, Provided, that products using shell discards as defined and as listed in Annex B hereof shall be exempted from the export fee, Provided further, that products combining shell discards with other shells not considered as discards shall be charged an export fee pro-rated to the export value of the latter based on Annex A hereof.

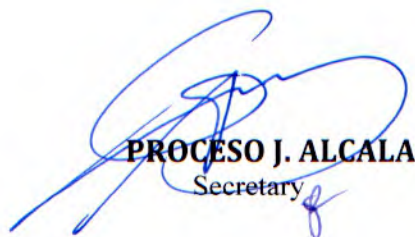
D. In case of aquatic products that are used as accents/in-lays which constitute only 10% or less of the surface area of the product, the Export fee shall be Php. 50.00 per shipment.

**Section 3.** Upon the effectivity of this administrative order, the fees and charges imposed herein and under FAO 233-1, series of 2011, shall be reviewed after two years.

**Section 4.** Section 6 of FAO 233-1 series of 2011 is hereby repealed. BFAR shall publish the annual average wholesale market price of each species/commodity based on available data in the absence of data from the Bureau of Agricultural Statistics.

**Section 5. Effectivity.** This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days from date of publication in a newspaper of general circulation and upon registration with the Office of the National Administrative Registrar (ONAR).

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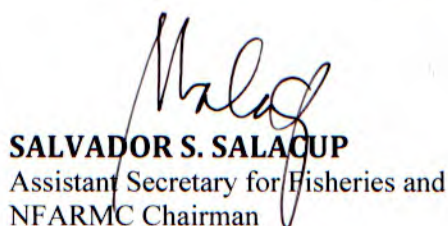


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**ANNEX A**  
**Schedule of Export Fees for the Export of**  
**Shellcraft/Handicraft/Ornamental Shell, Specimen Shell and Dried Non-Food Fish**

EXPORT VALUE (US\$)	EXPORT FEE (PhP)
1-1000	200
1001-2000	250
2001-3000	300
3001-4000	350
4001-5000	400
5001-6000	450
6001-7000	500
7001-8000	550
8001-9000	600
9001-10000	650
10001-20000	800
20001-40000	900
40001-above	1000

**ANNEX B**  
**LIST of SHELL DISCARDS**

CLASS	FAMILY	GENERA/SPECIES	ENGLISH NAMES	LOCAL NAMES	
Gastropoda	Arcidae	<i>Arca spp.</i>	Ark shells		
		<i>Anadara spp.</i>	Ark shells; cockles	Halaan	
		<i>Barbatia spp.</i>	Ark shells		
			<i>Cucullaea labiata</i>	Hooded ark	
		Mytilidae	<i>Perna viridis</i>	Green mussel	Tahong
			<i>Modiolus philippinarum</i>	Brown mussel; Philippine mussel	amahong
			<i>Septifer bilocularis</i>	Box mussel	
			<i>Lithophaga spp.</i>	date mussels	
		Pinnidae	<i>Pinna spp.</i>	Pen shells	Baloko
			<i>Atrina spp.</i>	Pen shells	Baloko
			<i>Streptopinna saccata</i>	Baggy pen shell	Baloko
		Ostreidae	<i>Saccostrea spp.</i>	Hooded oysters	Sisi
			<i>Crassostrea gigas</i>	Giant pacific oyster	Talaba
			<i>Hyotissa hyotis</i>	Honeycomb oyster	Talaba
		Mactridae	<i>Mactra spp.</i>	Mactra clams	
			<i>Spisula spp.</i>	Mactra clams	
			<i>Lutraria</i>	Mactra clams	
		Solenidae	<i>Solen spp.</i>	Razor/jackknife clams	
			<i>Siliqua spp.</i>	Razor clams	
			<i>Phaxas spp.</i>	Razor clams	
		Tellinidae	<i>Tellina spp.</i>	Tellin clams	
		Donacidae	<i>Donax spp.</i>	Bean clams	
		Psammobiidae	<i>Gari spp.</i>	Sunset clams	
			<i>Asaphis spp.</i>		
			<i>Psammotaea spp.</i>		
			<i>Hiatula spp.</i>		
		Solecurtidae	<i>Azorinus acutidens</i>	Sharp razor clam	
			<i>Sinovacula spp.</i>		
		Semelidae	<i>Semele spp.</i>	Semele clams	
		Articacea	<i>Trapezium spp.</i>		
	Corbiculidae	<i>Corbicula spp.</i>	Corbicula/asian clams	Tulya	
		<i>Geloina coaxans</i>	Common geloina		
		<i>Polymesoda spp.</i>	Marsh clams		
	Veneridae	<i>Perigypsa spp.</i>	Venus clams	Halaan	
		<i>Circe spp.</i>	Venus clams		
		<i>Gafrarium spp.</i>	Venus clams		
		<i>Pitar spp.</i>	Venus clams		
		<i>Callista spp.</i>	Venus clams		
		<i>Lioconcha spp.</i>	Venus clams		
		<i>Samarangia spp.</i>	Venus clams		

		<i>Dosinia spp.</i>	Venus clams	
		<i>Ruditapes spp.</i>	Variegate venus	
		<i>Paphia spp.</i>	Nylon shell	Badoy
		<i>Tapes spp.</i>	Venus clams	
<b>CLASS</b>	<b>FAMILY</b>	<b>GENERA/SPECIES</b>	<b>ENGLISH NAMES</b>	<b>LOCAL NAMES</b>
		<i>Marcia spp.</i>	Venus clams	
		<i>Laternula truncate</i>	Truncate lantern clam	

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