MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 129

INCREASING THE MINIMUM ACCESS VOLUME FOR CORN UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8178 OR THE "AGRICULTURAL TARIFFICATION ACT," AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 8178 or the "Agricultural Tariffication Act," as amended, authorizes the President, in cases of supply shortages or abnormal price increases, to propose adjustments to the Minimum Access Volume (MAV) to Congress, which shall be deemed approved if not acted upon within fifteen (15) days from receipt;

WHEREAS, the country is projected to experience a yellow corn supply deficit of approximately 1.422 million metric tons (MT) from March to December 2026, due to constraints on domestic production and increasing production costs, which may be further aggravated by higher fertilizer, fuel, freight, and other agricultural input costs, as well as weather-related risks, including the potential effects of *El Niño*;

WHEREAS, corn is the principal energy component in livestock and poultry feeds, and inadequate domestic corn supply may increase feed costs and, consequently, the production costs and retail prices of pork and poultry products, thereby contributing to inflationary pressures on food commodities;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to address the projected supply gap in yellow corn, ensure adequate and stable supply of corn for the livestock, poultry, and feed milling industries, and mitigate pressures on feed and food prices;

WHEREAS, the MAV Management Committee (MMC) has recommended the activation of the MAV Plus Mechanism for corn through an increase in the MAV by 280,000 MT for MAV Year 2026, as a calibrated and temporary measure to augment domestic corn supply for feed production and address the requirements of qualified feed millers and manufacturers, as well as farmers, farmers' cooperatives, and associations engaged in feed production for their own livestock and poultry operations;

WHEREAS, consistent with the foregoing, the President submitted to Congress, on 29 September 2026, a proposal to increase the MAV for corn from 220,000 MT to 500,000 MT, or an additional 280,000 MT; and

WHEREAS, when no dispositive or substantive Congressional action is taken within the period prescribed under RA No. 8178, as amended, the proposed increase is deemed approved in accordance with law;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND R. MARCOS JR., President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law and the Constitution, do hereby order:

Section 1. Increase in the MAV for Corn. The MAV of corn for MAV Year 2026 is hereby increased from 220,000 MT to 500,000 MT, representing an additional 280,000 MT.

Section 2. Guidelines. The MMC is hereby directed to ensure the formulation and issuance of the implementing guidelines within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Order, consistent with existing laws, rules, and regulations.

The guidelines shall provide for the equitable and transparent allocation and distribution of the additional 280,000 MT MAV volume and ensure that the additional importation is implemented as a calibrated, transparent, and time-bound measure to augment domestic corn supply, stabilize feed prices, and address the feed supply requirements of the livestock, poultry, and feed milling industries, consistent with the objectives of the MAV Plus Mechanism and the promotion of consumer welfare.

Section 3. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately upon its publication in the Official Gazette or a newspaper of general circulation.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 26th day of October, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.

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By the President:

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RALPH G. RECTO
Acting Executive Secretary

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