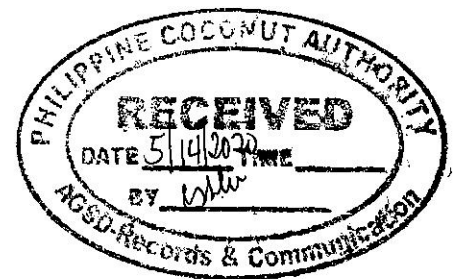




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NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the afore-cited provisions of RA 11469 and AO 30, S. 2020, the imposition of interest for late payment of PCA fee as well as the submission of monthly reports shall be suspended from March 20, 2020 until the lifting of the enhanced community quarantine in their respective area of operation.

Approved by the PCA Governing Board on 30 April 2020, per Board Resolution No. 051-2020.

Issued this 13th day of May 2020 at Quezon City, Philippines.


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