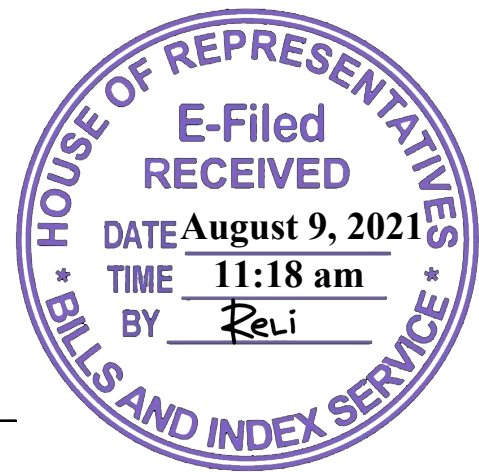


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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

**EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**  
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**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1116**



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Submitted by the Committee on Agriculture and Food and the Committee on Appropriations on  
**August 9, 2021**

Re: House Bill No. **9950**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 8964

Sponsors: Representatives Wilfrido Mark M. Enverga and Eric Go Yap

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Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Agriculture and Food and the Committee on Appropriations to which was referred **House Bill No. 8964**, introduced by Rep. Eric Go Yap, entitled:

**“AN ACT**

**AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO USE THE ANNUAL TARIFF REVENUES IN EXCESS OF P10 BILLION, UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11203 OR "AN ACT LIBERALIZING THE IMPORTATION, EXPORTATION AND TRADING OF RICE, LIFTING FOR THE PURPOSE THE QUANTITATIVE IMPORT RESTRICTION ON RICE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," FOR DIRECT CASH ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS OWNING ONE (1) HECTARE OR LESS OF RICE LAND UNTIL 2024”**

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. **9950**, entitled:

**“AN ACT**

**AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO PROVIDE FOR DIRECT CASH ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS WHO ARE TILLING TWO (2) HECTARES AND BELOW OF RICE LAND UNTIL 2024, AND USE FOR THE PURPOSE THE ANNUAL TARIFF REVENUES IN EXCESS OF P10 BILLION OF THE RICE COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT FUND CREATED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11203, ENTITLED "AN ACT LIBERALIZING THE IMPORTATION, EXPORTATION AND TRADING OF RICE, LIFTING FOR THE PURPOSE THE QUANTITATIVE IMPORT RESTRICTION ON RICE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,"**

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 8964 with Representatives Eric Go Yap, Alfred C. Delos Santos, Rufus B. Rodriguez, Ferdinand L. Hernandez, Kristine Singson-Meehan, Deogracias Victor “DV” B. Savellano, Tyrone D. Agabas, Lianda B. Bolilia, John Marvin “Yul Servo” C. Nieto, Sharee Ann Tan, Argel Joseph T. Cabatbat, Florencio G. Noel, Francisco “Kiko” B. Benitez, Antonio “Tonypet” T. Albano, Rudys Caesar I G. Fariñas, Joseph “Jojo” L. Lara, Luisa Lloren Cuaresma, Lorna P. Bautista-Bandigan, Ruffy B. Biazon, Junie E. Cua, Manuel Jose “Mannix” M. Dalipe, Paul Ruiz Daza, Michael John R. Duavit, Jose Enrique “Joet” S. Garcia III, Greg G. Gasataya, Ed Christopher S. Go, Jocelyn Sy Limkaichong, Corazon T. Nuñez-Malanyaon, Manuel T. Sagarbarria, Jose “Pingping” I. Tejada, Micaela S. Violago,

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Respectfully submitted,



**REP. ERIC GO YAP**

Chairperson  
Committee on Appropriations



**REP. WILFRIDO MARK M. ENVERGA**

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**HOUSE BILL NO. 9950**

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**AN ACT**

**AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO PROVIDE FOR DIRECT CASH ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS WHO ARE TILLING TWO (2) HECTARES AND BELOW OF RICE LAND UNTIL 2024, AND USE FOR THE PURPOSE THE ANNUAL TARIFF REVENUES IN EXCESS OF P10 BILLION OF THE RICE COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT FUND CREATED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11203, ENTITLED "AN ACT LIBERALIZING THE IMPORTATION, EXPORTATION AND TRADING OF RICE, LIFTING FOR THE PURPOSE THE QUANTITATIVE IMPORT RESTRICTION ON RICE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

**SECTION 1.** *Title.* – This Act shall be known as the "Cash Assistance for Filipino Farmers."

**SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to address the plight of small farmers in the country. The State recognizes the urgency of intervening for

our farmers in light of the current state of declining *palay* prices and the crippling effects of the Corona Virus Disease -19 or Covid-19 pandemic. Towards this end, the State shall provide monetary assistance to the hardest hit segments of the country's small farmers in the form of actual giving of cash to farmers.

**SEC. 3. *Authorization.*** The Department of Agriculture (DA) is hereby authorized to use the monies from the annual tariff revenues in excess of Ten billion pesos (P10B), as provided for in Section 13 of Republic Act 11203, on the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF), to directly provide cash assistance to farmers who are tilling two (2) hectares and below of rice land until 2024. The Bureau of Customs (BOC) is hereby mandated to directly remit to the DA the said excess funds.

The BOC and the DA shall submit separate reports to Congress at the end of each year, through the Committee on Agriculture and Food, on the remittance of funds and the actual fund disbursement for the year, respectively.

**SEC. 4. *Funding.*** The source of funds for the annual direct cash assistance to farmers shall be the excess of Ten billion pesos (P10B) of the annual tariff revenues from rice importation pursuant to Republic Act No. 11203.

**SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.*** In case any provision or any part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the other provisions not so declared and affected shall remain in force and effect.

**SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.*** Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, rule or regulation inconsistent or contrary to the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SEC. 7. *Effectivity.*** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**Committee Affairs Department**

**FACT SHEET**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 9950**  
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**Committee Referrals:** COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD  
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**Chairpersons:** REP. WILFRIDO MARK M. ENVERGA  
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**OBJECTIVE:**

- To provide cash assistance to small farmers who have been the most affected by declining *palay* prices and the crippling effects of the Corona Virus Disease -19 or Covid-19 pandemic.

**KEY PROVISIONS:**

- Authorizes the Department of Agriculture (DA) to use revenues in excess of Ten billion pesos (P10B) from the annual tariff collections, as provided in Section 13 of RA No. 11203, for direct cash assistance to farmers who are farming two (2) hectares and below of rice land until 2024.
- Mandates the Bureau of Customs (BOC) to directly remit the excess funds to the DA, in any given year within the implementation of the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF) under RA No. 11203, which shall be automatically given as cash assistance to farmer beneficiaries.
- Requires BOC and DA to submit separate annual reports to Congress on the remittance of funds and actual utilization.

**RELATED LAW:**

RA 11203, *“An Act Liberalizing the Importation, Exportation, and Trading of Rice, Lifting for the Purpose the Quantitative Import Restriction on Rice, and for Other Purposes”*