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Deputy Chief of Staff to the President, Office of the Vice-President,
Honourable Ministers/Ministers of State,
Head of the Civil Service of the Federation,
Special Advisers/Senior Special Assistants,
Service Chiefs/Inspector-General of Police,
Chairman, Federal Civil Service Commission,
Chairman, Code of Conduct Bureau,
Chairman, Code of Conduct Tribunal,
Chairman, Federal Character Commission,
Chairman, Independent National Electoral Commission,
Chairman, National Population Commission,
Chairman, Revenue Mobilization, Allocation
and Fiscal Commission,
Governor, Central Bank of Nigeria,
Chairman, Independent Corrupt Practices and other
Related Offences Commission,
Chairman, Economic and Financial Crimes Commission,
Chairman, National Drug Law Enforcement Agency,
Chairman, National Assembly Service Commission,

Permanent Secretaries and Heads of Extra-Ministerial Departments,
Clerk of the National Assembly,
Chief Registrar, Supreme Court of Nigeria,
Secretary, National Judicial Council,
Auditor-General for the Federation,
Accountant-General of the Federation,
Directors-General/Chief Executives of Parastatals,
Agencies and Government-Owned Companies.

**BAN ON PURCHASE OF IMPORTED RICE BY FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES, DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES**

In line with Federal Government's Agricultural Transformation Action (ATA) plan to provide a comprehensive strategy to revamp the nation's agricultural sector, the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, *GCFR* has directed that all Federal Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) should henceforth patronize only locally produced rice. Accordingly, no Government Department should henceforth buy imported rice for whatever use.

2. I am to explain that, Mr. President's directive is pursuant to the agricultural policy thrust of this Administration to increase domestic food production, reduce dependence on food imports and facilitate value addition to locally produced agricultural products.

3. Accordingly, all Ministries, Departments and Agencies are to ensure strict compliance to this directive.

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Secretary to the Government of the Federation