

REVISED GUIDELINES FOR THE FEEDER CATTLE IMPOSITION BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR

DOA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 3, s. 1993, January 25, 1993

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WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture, after a thorough review and evaluation of the cattle industry, recognizes the urgent need to rebuild the cattle population of the entire country;

WHEREAS, this is shown by the negative average annual growth rate of 1.1% of the national herd population for the period from 1980-1991. Further that this is evidenced by the dearth in the supply of feeder cattle and by the uncontrolled slaughter of animals which are still fit for breeding;

WHEREAS, allowing the importation of live cattle for fattening by the private sector will fill up the short supply of feeder cattle as a temporary expedient;

WHEREAS, in addition to feeder cattle, the continued introduction of breeding females from non-domestic sources is also encouraged to replenish/augment the local breeder base;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERTO S. SEBASTIAN, Secretary of Agriculture, do hereby issue the following set of guidelines in order to effect a rational, equitable and sound implementation of the cattle importation program:

SECTION 1. Qualified Importers —

1. Those with established feedlots complete with facilities for handling the animals including catching corral, holding pens, livestock scales, feeding equipment, etc.
2. Bonafide cattle ranchers, and small holder farmers/backyard raisers who may organize themselves into a consortium/cooperative and are capable of financing the importation;
3. Each applicant must show proof of technical and financial capability to underwrite each intended importation.
4. In case of livestock traders/brokers who apply for a permit, their respective contract growers shall still be subject to the requirements for individual importers.
5. Qualified applicant must submit their one year feeder stock import requirements, distributed by months within the year, to the LDC. The LDC shall then endorse their periodic requirements to the BAI.
6. Permit to import shall be processed by LDC and BAI at least 3 months prior to the scheduled importation.
7. The BAI shall prepare the needed permit for the importation of the feeder stock for approval by the Secretary.
8. Each qualified importer must inform the LDC and BAI of the expected arrival of each shipment one week prior to expected date of arrival. Report on landed cattle must be submitted within seven (7) days after the arrival of the animals. Importers must submit a monthly report to the LDC which is responsible for monitoring and evaluating the program. Regular report forms are available at the LDC office for this purpose.

Failure to submit the necessary reports will cause a non-issuance of import permits in the future.

9. Upon arrival at the point of disembarkation, the animals shall be inspected on board ship by a duly certified BAI veterinarian. A copy of the report of the BAI Veterinarian shall be forwarded to LDC within fifteen (15) days after arrival.

10. Every animal that arrives in the country shall be registered within the quarantine period in the municipality for issuance of original certificate of ownership. Photo copy of the registration receipt shall be attached to the first monthly report submitted to LDC.

11. Import permits issued are valid only for the period covered by the permit. In no case should there be extensions of the effectivity of these permits.

SECTION 4. Revoking Clause — This Order expressly revokes Administrative Order No. 99 dated October 2, 1989.

SECTION 5. Effectivity — The interim plan to allow the importation of feeder cattle shall be implemented effective upon approval. A periodic review by the LDC Executive Committee on the feeder cattle importation program shall be done.

Adopted: 25 Jan. 1993

(Sgd.) ROBERTO S. SEBASTIAN
Secretary

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