

ACCREDITATION OF AL-KABEER EXPORTS LIMITED TO EXPORT BUFFALO MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS INTO THE PHILIPPINES FROM INDIA

DA MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 22, S. 1998, December 23, 1998

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WHEREAS, necessary documents required by the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) and the National Meat Inspection Commission (NMIC) have been submitted by AL KABEER EXPORTS LTD to secure an accreditation from the Republic of the Philippines to allow the importation of buffalo meat and meat processed products from India;

WHEREAS, after a thorough review of the said documents, it was found out that AL KABEER EXPORTS, LTD can comply with the health and sanitary requirements outlined in DA Memorandum Circular No. 2, series of 1998 or the Revised Implementing Guidelines on the Importation of Buffalo Meat and Meat Processed Products from India, particularly:

- The buffalo carcass must be allowed to mature under +2° to 4°C for at least 24 hours, to keep the pH below 6;
- The buffalo meat must be deboned and deglanded before blast/contact freezing; and
- Meat products must be cooked/processed for a minimum of 75 degrees Celsius for 60 minutes and must have reached an interval temperature of 71 degrees Celsius.

WHEREAS, the recent technical mission in Hyderabad, State of Andhra Pradesh, India after a thorough investigation and evaluation of the meat processing plant complex and the buffalo health situation in the Telengara Districts' market sources found favorable conditions that merit allowing the importation of buffalo meat from Medak, Hyderabad, India by Al Kabeer Exports, Ltd.;

NOW THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. DAR, Acting Secretary of Agriculture, do hereby issue this ORDER granting FULL ACCREDITATION to AL KABEER EXPORTS LIMITED to export fresh frozen buffalo meat and meat processed products into the Philippines from India;

All orders, rules and regulations or parts hereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: 23 Dec. 1998

(SGD.) WILLIAM D. DAR, PH.D.
Acting Secretary

Recommending Approval:

(SGD.) TEODORO A. ABILAY, PH.D.
Director, BAI

(SGD.) EDGARDO C. DIMALANTA, DVM
Executive Director, NMIC

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