SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDELINES ON IMPORTATION OF BUFFALO MEAT FROM INDIA THRU A CONSOLIDATOR; IN PURSUANT TO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 31, SERIES OF 2002

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Whereas, the NMIC is tasked to inspect and monitor utilization of imported buffalo meat;

Whereas, the NMIC accredited small processors that cannot import economic size lot should be given equal privilege by authorizing the Consolidator to import for them.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARTHUR C. YAP, Secretary of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following Supplemental Guidelines on Importation of Buffalo Meat from India by the Department of Agriculture - National Meat Inspection Commission accredited Meat Processing Plant (MPP) thru a Consolidator.

I. Qualifications of a Consolidator:

- A Consolidator must be a registered trader / indentor by government concerned agency and is authorized / appointed by an NMIC accredited MPP to import buffalo meat for their meat processing requirement.

- Shall secure Mayor's Permit and DTI Registration (for single proprietorship) or SEC Registration (for corporation) prior to registration with the Department of Agriculture-National Meat Inspection Commission.

II. Specific Roles:

A. Consolidator:

- Shall secure an appointment or authorization from NMIC accredited MPP to import for their requirement. A copy of appointment or authorization paper shall be submitted to BAI and NMIC.

- Shall be responsible in accomplishing all importation requirements, to wit:

- Apply for VQC at BAI under the Consolidator's name and comply with the procedures under Section III of DA AO No. 39 series of 2000;

- Provide BAI and NMIC a copy of the distribution / allocation for every importation. Meat Import should be in accordance with MC#5 series of 1993, DA AO #31 series of 2002 and MO #25 series of 2003;

- Identify the Cold Storage to be used / leased for safekeeping of the products upon arrival;

- Accomplish NMIC Form #24 to be faxed to NMIC Central Office at least three (3) days prior to the arrival of the products;

- To comply with import release procedure under Section V, DA-AO #39 series of 2000;

- Settle the imported meat inspection fee prior to the release of the products at the port of entry as provided for under DA-AO #23 series of 2003.

B. Meat Processing Plants:

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- The owner shall appoint or authorize the Consolidator to import for their buffalo meat requirement;

- The volume of importation shall be stated in every VQC application;

- The owner shall secure a copy of Imported Meat Inspection Certificate (IMIC) from the consolidator prior to request for Certificate of Meat Inspection (COMI) and transfer of the products to the respective MPP for utilization;

- Proper observance of the meat processing control as provided for under Section 3 of Administrative Order # 31 series of 2002.

- All pertinent documents such as IMIC or COMI must always be made available to NMIC personnel conducting the monitoring of utilization.

C. NMIC

- NMIC Central Office shall register the Consolidator and furnish copies to the regional offices;

- Shall implement the release procedure under the provisions of Section V, paragraph E of DA AO # 39 series of 2000.

- In the monitoring of utilization, MC # 11-2003-07 series of 2003 shall apply.

- NMIC C.O. shall issue the IMUC to the MPP after evaluation of report of withdrawal and utilization.

III. Penalty

- For the Consolidator: Any violation on the provisions stated in item II (A) of this Order shall be a cause for revocation of registration and blacklisting.

- For the Meat Processing Plant: Any violation on the provisions stated in item II (B) of this Order shall be a cause for revocation of accreditation.

IV. Effectivity:

This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after filling at the UP Law Center.

Adopted: 28 Oct. 2004

(SGD.) ARTHUR C. YAP
Secretary

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