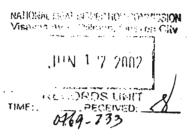


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MEMORANDUM ORDER

No.

Series of 2003

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF AO 6, SERIES OF 2000

V/HEREAS, National Meat Inspection Commission (NMIC) is mandated to protect the safety and health of the meat consuming public;

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture (DA) can collect, levy fees on imported meat and meat products, by virtue of Article 17 (d) of RA 7394 otherwise known as "Consumer Act of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No 197 dated January 13, 2000 and Executive Order No 218 dated March 15, 2000 emphasize the need to make the direct recipients of government services share the burden incurred by the government instead of the full cost being borne by the taxpayer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LUIS P. LORENZO, JR. Secretary of Agriculture, by the power vested on me, do hereby issue this Order lifting the suspension of the collection of fees on imported meat and meat products and thereby direct the DA-National Meat Inspection Commission to immediately implement of the same.

The NMIC shall formulate the implementing rules and regulations (IRR) of this Order.

This Order shall take immediately seven (7) days after publication in one (1) newspaper of general circulation.

S P. LORENZO, J

Secretary