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MEMORANDUM ORDER
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SUBJECT: GUIDELINES IN THE COLLECTION OF FEES ON IMPORTED MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture - National Meat Inspection Commission (DA-NMIC) is mandated to protect the safety and health of the meat consuming public;

WHEREAS, the 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, do hereby issue this Order governing the collection of fees on imported meat and meat products, as follows:

A. IMPORTERS

1. That the Importer shall accomplish DA-NMIC 'Request Form for Inspection and Sampling of Imported Meat and Meat Products' which is available at the Veterinary Quarantine Office upon arrival of their products at the said ports.

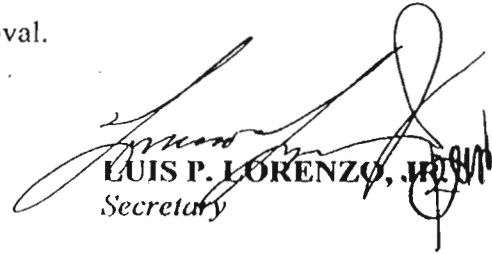
Duly accomplished form shall be submitted/faxed immediately to the NMIC Central Office Fax No. (02) 924-7973.

2. That the Importer shall pay/settle their accounts immediately to NMIC prior to the release of their products at the ports of entry.

B. DA-NMIC

1. That the DA-NMIC shall issue Imported Meat Inspection Clearance (IMIC) only when imported meat and meat products have been inspected and fees have been paid prior to release for domestic use;
2. That the DA-NMIC shall collect, levy fees at P 0.30/kg.on imported meat and meat products from all meat importers;

This Order shall take effect immediately upon approval.



LUIS P. LORENZO, JR.
Secretary

Recommended by:

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