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**MEMORANDUM ORDER**

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**SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDELINES IN THE LABELING OF CARTONS AND MONITORING OF UTILIZATION OF INDIAN BUFFALO MEAT**

**WHEREAS**, some provisions of Administrative Order No. 31, Series of 2002, otherwise known as the Supplemental Guidelines on the Importation of Buffalo Meat and Meat Products from India, need further clarification and elaboration for its proper implementation;

**WHEREAS**, the NMIC is tasked to inspect and monitor the utilization of imported meat and meat products;

**THEREFORE, I, LUIS P. LORENZO, JR.**, Secretary of Agriculture, by the power vested in me by law, do hereby issue this Order for the proper implementation of AO 31, Series of 2003 as specified hereunder.

**I. Description of the Label.** In addition to the existing requirements of labeling indicated under AO 39, Series of 2000, the name of the importing company shall also be indicated in the box, in the following design and specification:

1. The label in the carton may be in the form of stamp or stick on;
2. The stamp or stick on shall be rectangle in shape with a dimension of 3 inches width by 5 inches length;
3. The font of the letters shall be bold and #18 in size;
4. The label shall not be easily defaceable by any solution;
5. The label shall be placed on two (2) sides of the carton.

**II. Issuance of Imported Meat Utilization Certificate (IMUC).** In addition to pertinent documents issued by the NMIC field personnel to meat importers an IMUC which is also known as a certification of inventory/ending stock of imported meat and meat product stored at cold storages and processing plants, shall also be issued to monitor the utilization of the meat by importers and or processors, guidelines of which is the following:

1. NMIC personnel shall monitor the utilization of meat and meat products by a meat importers or processors;
2. The importer shall not be issued with an IMUC unless utilization of such products are actually monitored by NMIC personnel; (Please see IMUC Annex A)
3. The IMUC shall be a pre-requisite to the granting of succeeding VQ allocation with the Bureau of Animal Industry;

This Order shall take effect immediately after its publication in the UP Law Center.

**LUIS P. LORENZO, JR.**  
Secretary

*Recommending Approval:*