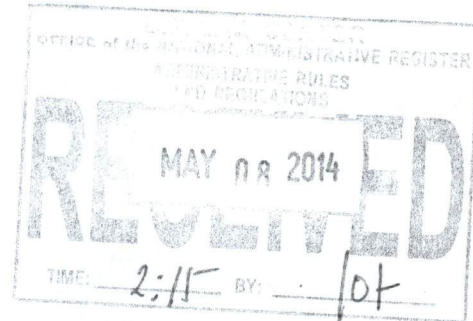




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SUBJECT : ACCREDITATION OF SEVEN (7) FOREIGN MEAT ESTABLISHMENTS (FMEs) OF THAILAND AS EXPORTER OF HEAT-PROCESSED CHICKEN MEAT INTO THE PHILIPPINES:

1. **CFMEA - 2014 - 07**
"CPF (Thailand) Public Company Limited (Est. 03), 48 Moo 9, Suwinthawong Road, Sansab, Minburi Bangkok 10510, Thailand"
2. **CFMEA - 2014 - 08**
"CPF (Thailand) Public Company Limited (Est. 05), 30/3 Moo 3, Suwinthawong Road, Lampakchee, Nongjok Bangkok 10530, Thailand"
3. **CFMEA - 2014 - 09**
"CPF (Thailand) Public Company Limited (Est. 21), 20/2 Moo 3, Suwinthawong Road, Sansab, Minburi Bangkok 10510, Thailand"
4. **CFMEA - 2014 - 10**
"CPF (Thailand) Public Company Limited (Est. 42), 48 Moo 9, Suwinthawong Road, Sansab, Minburi Bangkok 10510, Thailand"
5. **CFMEA - 2014 - 11**
"Cargill Meats (Thailand) Ltd. (Est. 32), 23/1 Moo 2, Khong Wong, PhraPhutthabat, Saraburi 18120, Thailand"
6. **CFMEA - 2014 - 12**
"CPF (Thailand) Public Company Limited (Est. 139), 333/333/1-2 Moo 9, Sikhiu-DetUdom Road, ThaYiem, Chok Chai NakhonRatchasima 30190, Thailand"
7. **CFMEA - 2014 - 13**
"CPF (Thailand) Public Company Limited (Est. 36), 150 Moo 7 Midtrapap Rd., ThumbolTandiew, KangkoiSaraburi 18110, Thailand"

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WHEREAS, Department of Agriculture Administrative Order No. 16 (DA-AO 16) series of 2006, otherwise known as the Pre-Border Measures for the Export of Meat and Meat Products to the Philippines provides procedures and guidelines in the accreditation of Foreign Meat Establishments (FME) producing meat and meat products for export to the Philippines;

ARTICLE I SCOPE AND DEFINITION OF TERMS AND ACRONYMS

Section 1. SCOPE – This Circular shall govern the importation of **Heat-processed chicken meat from Thailand**.

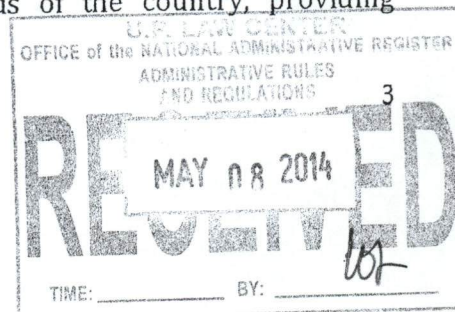
Section 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS – *For the purpose of this Circular*, the following terms, words, and phrases *herein used* shall be construed to mean as follows:

- a. **Notification and epidemiological information** provides the obligation of the exporting country as the OIE member country to make available whatever information is necessary to minimize the international spread of important animal diseases.
- b. **Obligations and ethics in international trade** cover the responsibilities of the exporting country to make available up-to-date health information, export regulations and providing accurate health certification.
- c. **Import risk analysis** shall cover hazard identification, risk assessment, risk management and risk communication and guidelines for conducting risk analyses.
- d. **Equivalence** covers the recognition of significantly different animal health and production systems that can provide equivalent protection for the purpose of international trade.
- e. **Import/ Export procedures** as provided in section 1.4 of the Terrestrial Code covers the animal health measures applicable before, at departure from the exporting country, in transit and upon arrival to the importing country, covering animal identification, border and quarantine stations, and containment of pathogens during transport. This shall also cover the import requirements provided in the DA-Administrative Order No. 16 series of 2006, otherwise known as the Pre-Border Measures for the Export of Meat and Meat Products to the Philippines.
- f. **Zoning and compartmentalization. Zoning** as provided by the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code shall cover animal sub-population defined on a geographical basis with reference to natural, artificial or legal boundaries, while **compartmentalization** applies to animal sub-population defined by management practices related to biosecurity. Information on the established management of both shall be provided such as veterinary services.
- g. **Diagnostic test for specific diseases** shall cover specific diagnostic tests adopted as recommended by the Code.
- h. **Animal welfare** shall cover practices in humane handling of animal during transport, slaughter of animals for food, and the killing of animals for disease control.
- i. **Disease Surveillance** covers the established surveillance systems for animal diseases to determine the animal health status of the country, providing

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3.3 Meat establishment requirements

- 3.3.1 The meat establishment must be listed as duly registered meat establishment authorized by the government of Thailand through their National Competent Authority to **export heat-processed chicken meat** to the Philippines.
- 3.3.2 The meat establishment must maintain eligibility to the above mentioned registry with reference to government sanitary and veterinary inspection, GMP/SSOP and HACCP certification, subject to verification audit of the Philippine Department of Agriculture Inspection Mission (DAIM) any time within the validity period, without incurring any critical or serious non-conformance/s in which such condition or practice prevents proper plant sanitation, may result in the production of unwholesome product, presents a threat to health and safety of consumers, and compromises general food safety.
- 3.3.3 The meat establishment must make available all pertinent documents necessary in the conduct of audits by the DAIM pertaining but not limited to operational concerns on safety of water and ice, condition and cleanliness of food contact surfaces; prevention of cross contamination; hand washing and sanitizing and toilet facilities, protection of food, packaging and food contact surfaces from adulteration with contaminants; labelling and storage/ and use of toxic compounds; employees health conditions; exclusion of pests from the ME; calibration of measuring tools; equipment and other structural facilities.

3.4 Meat and Meat products for export requirements

- 3.4.1 The meat and meat products for export must be slaughtered, fabricated, processed in the meat establishments as provided in the provisions of 3.3.1, and inspected and passed for export by the official veterinarian of the NCA of the exporting country.
- 3.4.2 The meat and meat products for export must bear the official inspection mark on the primary, secondary, and/or shipper packaging showing proof that the meat and meat products have been inspected and passed by the NCA, and certifies that the same have been handled in compliance to the national food regulation of the exporting country.
- 3.4.3 The meat and meat products for export in reference to 3.1.1.m must not contain residues of antibiotics, pesticides, hormones, heavy metals, radioactivity and similar substances that may pose public health and environmental hazards, and in reference to 3.1.1.j on disease surveillance for pathogenic microorganisms not to exceed the acceptable level set by the Philippine standards and/ or international standards.
- 3.4.4 The meat and meat products must be transported, ensuring the wholesomeness and condition of the products, by eliminating possibility of/or entry/ introduction of contaminants and pests, and ensuring maintenance of product temperature requirement, eliminating thermal abuse. Sealed refrigerated/ freezer shipping containers must have passed the sanitary inspection and certified by the NCA for loading.

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