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DA ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR

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SUBJECT : AMENDMENT TO ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR NO. 06, SERIES OF 2015 ENTITLED "FOREIGN MEAT ESTABLISHMENT (FME) INSPECTION AND AUDIT FUND"

WHEREAS, Section 8.3 of Republic Act (RA) 9296 as amended by RA 10536 vested the National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS) with the power and functions to evaluate, classify and accredit local and foreign meat establishments as to compliance to hygiene and sanitation standards;

WHEREAS, Section 34 of the same law requires that meat exporters to the Philippines shall secure accreditation of foreign meat establishment at source from the Department of Agriculture before being allowed to ship meat and meat products into the country and an audit or inspection shall be done on exporters of meat and meat products in terms of their compliance with Philippine and internationally recognized standards;

WHEREAS, Section IX, Item 1 of the Department of Agriculture – Administrative Order (DA-AO) No. 16, Series of 2006 calls for the sharing of expenses between DA and the Applicant (country or individual FME) to be incurred in the conduct of the inspection mission;

WHEREAS, it was noted that Administrative Circular No. 6, Series of 2015 cannot be easily complied as administrative procedures of countries to be inspected require lengthy and strict procedures for international transfer of funds;

WHEREAS, there is a need to facilitate and expedite the administrative preparations for the conduct of the inspection mission in order not to hamper trade;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PROCESO J. ALCALA, Secretary of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby issue this Circular to provide guidance to all concerned.

RULE I
FUNDING RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

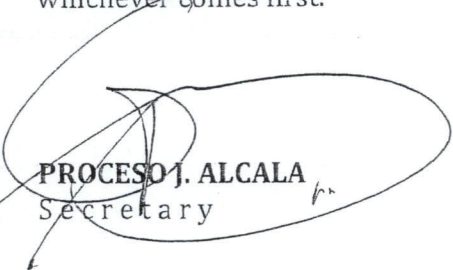
1. After the issuance of Travel Authority relative to the mission, the BAI and NMIS shall prepare separately the Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) for each of the members of the DAIM Team. The DSA to be paid shall cover for food and incidentals based on current or prevailing rates of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).
2. The DA shall provide the cost of international travel (airfare).

RULE II
FUNDING RESPONSIBILITIES OF APPLICANT

1. The Applicant (country or individual FMEs) shall provide all in-country costs (such as but not limited to hotel accommodation, transportation/transfers and interpreter).
2. Accommodations/Lodging arrangements shall be the responsibility of the Applicant following the approved itinerary.

RULE III
EFFECTIVITY

This Circular shall take effect fifteen (15) days after submission to the National Administrative Register (NAR) and publication in a newspaper of national circulation whichever comes first.


PROCESO J. ALCALA
Secretary

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