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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

NO. 03-2017-003

Series of 2017

TO : ALL CONCERNED

FROM : THE OIC, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT : PROCEDURES ON THE ISSUANCE OF THE OFFICIAL MEAT INSPECTION CERTIFICATE (OMIC)

Whereas, the Rule 28 of DA Administrative Circular No. 01 Series of 2014 "Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 9296, otherwise known as "The Meat Inspection Code of the Philippines, as amended by RA No. 10536", provides that no veterinary quarantine clearance issued by the National Veterinary Quarantine Service Division shall be issued to any vessel having on board any meat for export to and sale in a foreign country from any port in the Philippines until the owner or shipper obtains a certificate of wholesomeness from NMIS, the following guidelines is hereby issued for all concerned:

1. Only HACCP certified meat from NMIS licensed "AAA" meat establishments shall be allowed for export.¹
HACCP certified meat from NMIS licensed "AA" shall only be allowed for export if it is accepted by the importing country.¹
As proof of acceptance, the foreign regulatory body or Chief Veterinary Office (CVO) shall issue a certification or SPS import clearance.
2. The meat shall have undergone inspection by NMIS Plant Officer (PO), issued with Meat Inspection Certificate (MIC) and then the packaging shall be stamped with NMIS Inspected and Passed Logo.²
3. The licensed exporting meat establishment shall coordinate with the NMIS PO to collect samples representing the lot/batch of the products to be exported attached with the Meat Inspection Certificate (MIC) to the RTOC/Central Meat Laboratory for analysis.³

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4. Upon release of the negative laboratory result for contaminants, the exporter shall request for the issuance of the OMIC with following requirements or information:³
- a. NMIS Laboratory Report (with negative result for contamination)
 - b. MIC
 - c. Accomplished OMIC request, specifying the following information:
 - Exporter and its Address
 - Consignee and its Address
 - Date of Departure
 - Port of Loading
 - Meat Establishment and Accreditation Number
 - Meat Establishment Address
 - Vessel/Aircraft/Voyage Number
 - Port of Discharge
 - Marks and Numbers
 - Number and Kind of Package
 - Description of Goods
 - Net Weight and Value
 - Container Number
 - Seal Number
5. The NMIS PO shall supervise the loading of the meat for export before sealing the shipment and issue the OMIC.⁴

This Circular shall take effect on **01 April 2017** after signing and shall be in full force and effect until repealed or superseded by a new issuance.


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Footnote:

1 Based on Sec. 28 Rule 28.1 of DA Administrative Circular No. 01 Series of 2014

2 Based on Sec. 28 Rule 28.3 of DA Administrative Circular No. 01 Series of 2014

3 Based on Sec. 7 Rule 7.9.10 of DA Administrative Circular No. 01 Series of

4 Based on NMIS Memorandum No. 0571 03 May 2016 and NMIS Memorandum Circular No. 10-2016-28

The production of clean, wholesome, healthy and sound meat for food is the concern of everyone.