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## NATIONAL MEAT INSPECTION SERVICE

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**ALL CONCERNED** 

**FROM** 

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**SUBJECT** 

**USE OF MEAT IMPORTERS CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION** 

NUMBER FOR TRACEABILITY ON ON-LINE SELLING OF

IMPORTED MEAT

This has reference to the numerous reports of on-line selling/distribution of imported frozen meat in social media with Certificate of Meat Inspection (COMI) that are either suspicious or not present at all.

Please be advised that on-line sellers/distributor of imported meat for local distribution must secure a COMI duly signed by NMIS Plant Officer that certify its fitness for human consumption at the same time for the purpose of traceability.

Imported meat products without accompanying COMI are considered as "hot meat" and subject to NMIS enforcement activities.

We encourage legitimate Meat Importer with on-line selling/distribution channel to properly identify their NMIS accreditation number in doing business through on-line selling/distribution to assure the consuming public the quality and safety on the meat for sale.

In cases of "re-sellers" of non-commercial quantities, there remain a need to establish that meat being sold are safe and products of legitimate importation. Thus the need to provide them relevant documentation as to the source of meat and its requisite documentation, such as COMI.

For your guidance.

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