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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR No. 6-2の3-02

TO:

ALL CONCERNED

FROM:

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Executive Director

SUBJECT:

COLLECTION OF FEES ON IMPORTED MEAT AND MEAT

PRODUCTS

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture has already lifted the suspension of the collection of fees on imported meat and meat products in pursuance to Memorandum Order No. 20, Series of 2003;

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture directed the National Meat Inspection Commission (NMIC) to immediately implement the afore-cited Order;

WHEREAS, in the collection of fees on imported meat and meat products, importers shall pay /settle their accounts immediately to NMIC prior to the release of their products at the port of entry;

Therefore, and in consideration to the above-cited facts, specific guidelines are set-forth for the information and guidance of all concerned:

A. IMPORTER

- 1. That the importer shall accomplish NMIC Request Form for Inspection and Sampling of Imported Meat and Meat Products' which is available at the Veterinary Quarantine Office upon arrival of their products at the port of entry;
- 2. That the importer shall pay their obligations directly to the NMIC Central Office or Regional Offices whichever is nearer;
- 3. That the importer shall pay their obligations to the NMIC <u>prior</u> to the release of their products at the ports of entry;

B. NMIC

- 1. That the NMIC shall issue statement of account to the importers upon receipt of the accomplished request for inspection and sampling form;
- 2. That only NMIC Authorized Collecting Officer shall issue Official Receipt to importers;

C. <u>VETERINARY QUARANTINE SERVICES</u>

That the inspection fee or Official Receipt issued to the importer by NMIC shall be one of the prerequisite to the issuance of succeeding Veterinary Quarantine Inspection Certificate (VQIC) to importers.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

EFREN C. NUESTRO
Executive Director

