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TO : **NMIS REGIONAL TECHNICAL DIRECTORS**

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SUBJECT : **ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF MEAT INSPECTION (COMI) FOR THE TRANSFER/TRANSPORT OF IMPORTED MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS TO MEAT IMPORTERS/TRADERS AND MEAT PROCESSORS.**

This has reference to the queries of NMIS Regional Offices on the legality of issuance of Certificate of Meat Inspection or COMI (Form 20-B) to meat importers and traders, and the insistent demand of various hotels, restaurants, supermarkets, and other outlets from NMIS to issue certification in order to ensure that the meat and meat products they are buying from meat importers and traders are safe and wholesome.

Please be informed that Rule 32.2, Section 32, Chapter VI of RA 9296, provides that importer shall be prohibited from transferring from the designated storage to other warehouse or facilities, modifying, using, distributing or selling the imported meat and meat product without NMIS **inspection and clearance**.

In view of this, and in order to protect the health of the consuming public, you are hereby enjoined that all technical personnel assigned at cold storages in your area of jurisdiction shall inspect and issue Certificate of Meat Inspection (COMI) to meat importers and traders for the transfer/transport of their imported meat and products from the NMIS accredited cold storages to the aforementioned facilities and outlets.

All imported meat and meat products, except Indian buffalo meat coming from Meat Processing Plants intended for transport/transfer which are not yet altered/modified by the said establishment shall also be issued with COMI.

For Strict Compliance.

