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Memorandum Circular

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Subject: **Implementing Rules and Regulation on the Issuance of Imported Meat Utilization Certificate (IMUC) to Meat Importers / Processors of Indian Buffalo Meat**

Whereas, imported buffalo meat shall be used mainly for meat processing subjecting to 70 Degrees Centigrade to reduce the risk of possible entry/spread of FMD virus;

Whereas, there is a need to monitor the utilization of imported buffalo meat by all meat processors to ensure its authorized use;

Whereas, the NMIC is tasked to inspect and monitor the utilization of imported buffalo meat as per DA Administrative Order #31, series of 2002 and DA Memorandum Order #25 series of 2003;

Therefore, in pursuance to Administrative Order No. 31, Series of 2002 and Memorandum Order No. 25, Series of 2003, the following Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) on the issuance of Imported Meat Utilization Certificate (IMUC) to all buffalo meat importing processors is hereby instituted for the information and guidance of all concerned, to wit:

I. Scope. – This Order shall cover monitoring of utilization of imported buffalo meat from India.

II. Definition of Terms: -

1. *Certificate of Meat Inspection (COMI) for Domestic Transport* – means an accompanying certificate of wholesomeness of meat issued by the DA-National Meat Inspection Commission to meat importing processors in the transfer of Indian Buffalo Meat and Meat Products from the establishment of first acceptance to the establishment of second acceptance.
2. *Imported Meat Utilization Certification (IMUC)* – a certificate issued by the DA-National Meat Inspection Commission to meat importing processors after the imported Indian Buffalo Meat have been processed into meat products as specified in paragraph 3 of DA AO #31, series of 2002.
3. *Meat Importing Processors* – means a DA-NMIC registered person, firm or corporation authorized to import / process imported Buffalo Meat and Meat Products from India.
4. *Meat Plant Officer* - means a properly trained officer of the DA-National Meat Inspection Commission authorized to conduct meat inspection.
5. *Port of Entry* – means the port where the imported meat and meat products are accepted from the country of origin.
6. *Establishment of First Acceptance* – means a commercial cold storage or satellite cold storage duly accredited by the DA-NMIC where the imported meat are directly stored from the port of entry.
7. *Establishment of Second Acceptance* – means a meat processing plant duly accredited by the DA-NMIC where the imported meat are accepted either coming from the port of entry or from establishment of first acceptance.

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III. Monitoring Procedures.

For purposes of traceability of the shipment, the following monitoring procedures shall be undertaken, to wit:

A. ARRIVAL OF SHIPMENT

1. The Importing Processors shall transport directly their shipment from the port of entry either to establishment of first or second acceptance. The Meat Plant Officer assigned thereat shall conduct verification of documents, inspection and collection of sample for analysis and proper recording.

B. LOCATOR OF IMPORTED MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS

1. Assigned Meat Plant Officer in meat establishment shall have the responsibility to coordinate with the management / operator pertaining to the recording and reporting, the assigned room number, pallet number and level number, in the acceptance and / or releases as well as change of location of the imported buffalo meat within the plant for easy location and identification.
2. Meat importing processor shall have the responsibility to inform the meat plant officer assigned at the meat establishment the inventory of stock.

C. WITHDRAWAL AND TRANSFER OF IMPORTED BUFFALO MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS

1. Transfer of Indian Buffalo Meat from establishment of first acceptance to the establishment of second acceptance shall be covered by COMI.

D. REPORTING

1. Meat Plant Officer assigned in meat establishment shall submit monthly written transaction reports to their immediate supervisor (e.g., MPO assigned at Cold Storages to Head, Meat Import Export Assistance and Inspection Division (MIEAID), MPO assigned at Meat Processing Plants to Head, Plant Operation and Inspection Division (POID)).
2. MPP coordinator of Regional POID shall consolidate and analyze all reports originating from Meat Processing Plants. Consolidated reports shall be immediately forwarded to the Head, Regional MIEAID.
3. Regional MIEAID shall be responsible for the preparation of the regional summary report on the implementation of M.O. 25 series of 2003. The report, duly noted by the Regional Director shall be submitted to the Executive Director.
4. Central Office MIEAID shall be responsible in the analysis of the report from the regional offices. IMUC shall be issued at NMIC Central Office after evaluation of the report on the basis of utilization. They shall also be responsible in the preparation of the agency report to the Office of the Secretary.

IV. Effectivity Clause.

This Order shall take effect immediately upon approval.



EFREN C. NUESTRO
Executive Director

Date of Signing:

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