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SUBJECT : SYSTEM ACCREDITATION OF FOREIGN MEAT ESTABLISHMENTS (FMEs) OF SPAIN TO EXPORT *OVINE*, *CAPRINE*, AND *POULTRY* (*CHICKEN* AND *TURKEY*) MEAT INTO THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, Department of Agriculture (DA) Administrative Order (AO) No. 16 Series of 2006, otherwise known as the Pre-Border Measures for the Export of Meat and Meat Products to the Philippines, provides procedures and guidelines in the accreditation of Foreign Meat Establishments (FMEs) producing meat and meat products for export to the Philippines;

WHEREAS, in response to the **Government of Spain**'s application for **System Accreditation**, the Department of Agriculture Inspection Mission (DAIM) was conducted, wherein the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) assessed the veterinary services and animal health of Spain from **October 5 to 20, 2024**, while the National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS) verified the food safety control of the country on **October 19 to November 8, 2024**;

WHEREAS, based on the DAIM's final report, the **Government of Spain** has complied with the requirements provided in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code (TAHC) of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) and relevant Philippine standards;

WHEREAS, the seventeen (17) FMEs that were audited by the DAIM team were found to be compliant with the Philippine quarantine and meat inspection system procedures;

WHEREAS, after thorough evaluation, the application of the **Government of Spain** for the **system accreditation to export *ovine*, *caprine*, and *poultry* (*chicken* and *turkey*) meat** into the Philippines have been found to be satisfactory;

WHEREAS, the Accreditation Review Body (ARB) recommended the **system accreditation of Spain to export *ovine*, *caprine*, and *poultry* (*chicken* and *turkey*) meat** with the corresponding ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) codes:

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AHTN CODE	COMMODITY DESCRIPTION (OVINE AND CAPRINE MEAT)
02.04	**Meat of sheep or goats, chilled or frozen.**
0204.10.00	Carcasses and half-carcasses of lamb, chilled
	Other meat of sheep, chilled:
0204.21.00	Carcasses and half-carcasses
0204.22.00	Other cuts with bone in
0204.23.00	Boneless
0204.30.00	Carcasses and half-carcasses of lamb, frozen
	Other meat of sheep, frozen
0204.41.00	Carcasses and half-carcasses
0204.42.00	Other cuts with bone in
0204.43.00	Boneless
0204.50.00	Meat of goats
02.06	**Edible offal of sheep, goats, frozen.**
0206.90.00	Other, frozen

AHTN CODE	COMMODITY DESCRIPTION (POULTRY—CHICKEN AND TURKEY)
02.07	**Meat and edible offal, of the poultry of heading 01.05, frozen.**
	Of fowls of the species *Gallus domesticus* :
0207.12.00	Not cut in pieces, frozen :
0207.14	Cuts and offal, frozen :
0207.14.10	Wings :
0207.14.20	Thighs :
0207.14.30	Livers :
	Other :
0207.14.91	Mechanically deboned or separated meat
0207.14.99	Other :
	Of turkeys :
0207.25.00	Not cut in pieces, frozen
0207.27	Cuts and offal, frozen :
0207.27.10	Livers
	Other :
0207.27.91	Mechanically deboned or separated meat
0207.27.99	Other :

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANCISCO P. TIU LAUREL JR., Secretary of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby issue this Order granting **System Accreditation** to the **Government of Spain** to export ***ovine, caprine,*** and ***poultry* (*chicken* and *turkey*) meat** into the Philippines, for **three (3) years** effective **March 12, 2025,** until **March 12, 2028,** with full compliance to existing regulations and conditions provided in this Department Order and its Annex hereby set forth.

This ORDER shall take effect fifteen (15) days after the publication in one (1) newspaper of national circulation or Official Gazette and filing of a copy at the Office National of the Administrative Registrar (ONAR) at UP Diliman, Quezon City.

Done this 10th day of APRIL 2025.

So Ordered.

FRANCISCO P. TIU LAUREL JR.
Secretary

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IMPORT TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR IMPORTED MEAT
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ARTICLE I
SCOPE AND DEFINITION OF TERMS AND ACRONYMS

Section 1. SCOPE – This Order shall govern the importation of ***ovine, caprine,* and *poultry* (*chicken* and *turkey*) meat** from the **Government of Spain.**

Section 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS – ***For the purpose of this Order***, the following terms, words, and phrases ***herein used*** shall be construed to mean as follows:

a. **Animal welfare** shall cover practices in humane handling of animals during transport, slaughter of animals for food, and the killing of animals for disease control.

b. **Competent Authority (CA)** means the Veterinary Authority or other Governmental Authority of a Member Country having the responsibility and competence for ensuring and/or supervising the implementation of animal and public health, animal welfare measures, international veterinary certification, food safety, in accordance to national regulations and international standards such as the guidelines in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code (TAHC) of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), and CODEX Alimentarius.

c. **Food safety** shall cover the programs for the control of biological hazards of animal health and public health importance through ante- and post- mortem inspection.

Section 3. CONDITIONS TO MAINTAIN ACCREDITATION OF FOREIGN MEAT ESTABLISHMENTS (FMEs)

3.1 Animal Health Status and Disease Freedom

3.1.1 The CA of the exporting country shall be transparent and timely submit animal health status annual reports, veterinary drug residue monitoring report, and other food safety concerns that includes product recalls and advisories, to the Department of Agriculture (DA).

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3.2 FME requirements

3.2.1 The FME shall be a registered or licensed meat establishment of the CA, authorized to export ***ovine, caprine,* and *poultry* (*chicken* and *turkey*) meat** into the Philippines.

3.2.2 The FME shall maintain eligibility to the above-mentioned registry with reference to government sanitary and veterinary inspection, Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP), Sanitation Standard Operating Procedures (SSOP), and Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) certification, subject to verification audit of the Philippine Department of Agriculture Inspection Mission (DAIM) any time within the validity period, and should not incur critical or serious non-conformances in which such practice affects the sanitation of the plant and its facility that will result to the production of unwholesome product which pose threat to human health and safety and compromise general food safety.

3.2.3 The FME shall make available all pertinent documents necessary in the conduct of audits by the DAIM pertaining but not limited to operational concerns on safety of water and ice, hand washing and sanitizing and toilet facilities, protection of food, packaging and food contact surfaces from adulteration with contaminants, labeling and storage/ and use of toxic compounds, employees health conditions, exclusion of pests from the FME, calibration of measuring tools, equipment and other structural facilities.

3.3 Export requirements

3.3.1 The meat for export shall be derived from healthy animals and slaughtered, fabricated, processed in the FME as provided in the provisions of 3.2.1, and inspected and passed for export by the Official Veterinarian of the CA of the exporting country.

3.3.2 The source of meat for export shall be from animals born and raised in **Spain** or from a country/zone accredited by the Philippines to export meat into the Philippines.

3.3.3 The meat and its packaging materials shall be free from infectious and/or zoonotic diseases, and microbiological hazards shall not exceed the acceptable levels set by the Philippine standards and/or international standards.

3.3.4 The meat for export shall not contain residues of antibiotics, pesticides, hormones, heavy metals, radioactivity, and similar substances that may pose an animal, public health, and environmental hazard.

3.3.5 The meat for export shall bear the official inspection mark on the primary, secondary, and/or shipper packaging showing proof that the meat has been certified inspected and passed by the CA, in compliance with the national food regulation of the exporting country. The meat shall be packed in plastic packs and/or cartons printed with the date of packaging/production/slaughter, batch number, and other information as prescribed in Section VII of DA AO No. 26 s. 2005, DA AO No. 24 s.2010, and Philippine National Standard (PNS)/BAFS

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Prepackaged Fresh Chilled and Frozen - Product Standard - Labeling (https://bafs.da.gov.ph/pns.php).

3.3.6 The label:

3.3.6.1 shall be in the form of a stamp or stick-on at the immediate container (if it is plastic lined) and also on the outer portion of the box;

3.3.6.2 shall be rectangular in shape with the dimension of 3 inches width by 5 inches length (3x5);

3.3.6.3 shall be printed in BOLD letters and with a font size of #18;

3.3.6.4 shall not be easily defaceable by any solution;

3.3.6.5 shall be written in English or Filipino.

3.3.6.6 The packaging shall meet the minimum labeling requirements prescribed by the Philippine National Standard (PNS)/BAFS Prepackaged Fresh Chilled and Frozen - Product Standard - Labeling (https://bafs.da.gov.ph/pns.php) and as follows:

3.4.6.6.a Cartons or the outermost shipper's package shall be stamped with **"FOR EXPORT TO THE PHILIPPINES";**

3.4.6.6.b. Registered trade name of the exporter or brand name of the product;

3.4.6.6.c. Business name and address of exporter;

3.4.6.6.d Meat establishment/slaughtering facility name, number, and address;

3.4.6.6.e Country of origin;

3.4.6.6.f. Lot identification code;

3.4.6.6.g Product description;

3.4.6.6.h Net quantity of contents, in terms of weight, measure or numerical count rounded to the nearest tenths (expressed in METRIC SYSTEM);

3.4.6.6.i Date of packaging/production;

3.4.6.6.j Best before date or best quality before date;

3.4.6.6.k Storage instructions.

3.3.7 The meat shall be transported in such a manner that the required product temperature is maintained, free from contaminants and pests to ensure wholesomeness of product. Sealed refrigerated/ freezer shipping containers must have passed the sanitary inspection and certified by the CA for loading to export.

3.3.8 The CA shall provide necessary updates and get clearance of the international veterinary certificates (its terms, declarations and conditions), from the Philippine Competent Veterinary Officer of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) first before the onset of trade, and whenever there are changes or amendments to the said certificates.

3.3.9 The International Veterinary Certificate to be issued by the CA, shall be guided by the certification procedures provided in the WOAH TAHC, and should be written in English, with the following details of the dispatched consignment (includes names and address) duly certified and signed by the official veterinarian (includes printed name, title and signature):

a. veterinary authority;

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b. certificate reference number and date issued;
c. consignor;
d. consignee;
e. country of origin (zone/compartment of origin);
f. country of destination;
g. place of origin, meat establishment and establishment number;
h. place of shipment;
i. date of departure;
j. means of transport;
k. description of commodity and commodity (HS) code;
l. total quantity and total number of packages;
m. net weight;
n. temperature of product;
o. identification of container and/or seal number;
p. commodities intended use; and
q. lot identification/date code.

3.3.10 The CA shall regularly provide the list of names and specimen signatures of the official veterinarians issuing the international veterinary certificates to the BAI.

3.3.11 All importations shall require Sanitary Phytosanitary Import Clearance (SPSIC) prior to export to the Philippines, and shall be subject to applicable Philippine laws, rules and regulations. As such, this Order shall not automatically guarantee that ***ovine, caprine,* and *poultry* (*chicken* and *turkey*) meat** will be allowed to enter into the Philippines.

3.3.12 This Order shall be governed by the provisions set in the existing rules and regulations of the Philippines, such as but not limited to the following:

a. Republic Act (RA) No. 9296 as amended by RA No. 10536, "The Meat Inspection Code of the Philippines", and its Implementing Rules and Regulations;
b. RA No. 10611, "Food Safety Act of 2013", and its Implementing Rules and Regulations;
c. DA Administrative Order (AO) No. 16, Series of 2006 for "Pre-Border Measures for the Export of Meat and Meat Products to the Philippines;
d. DA AO No. 26, Series of 2005 for "Revised Rules, Regulations, and Standards Governing the Importation of Meat and Meat Products into the Philippines";
e. DA Administrative Order No. 16, Series of 2021 for "Licensing Procedures for Meat Importer, Revising the Department of Agriculture Administrative Order No. 09, Series of 2013 Entitled Supplemental Guidelines to DA-AO No. 26 of 2005, Section III: Accreditation Procedure for Meat Importers" and;
f. DA AC No. 6, Series of 2022 for "Revised Rules and Regulations Governing the Importation of Agricultural and Fish and Fishery / Aquatic Products; Animal Feeds, Feed Ingredients and Feed Additives; and, Fertilizers, Pesticides and Other Agricultural Chemical Products into the Philippines.

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Section 4. SUSPENSION CLAUSE

4.1 In case/ cases of non-compliance with the requirements and conditions of this Order, and/or any non-conformance in the pre-border and border technical requirements of any shipment entering the Philippines, the Department of Agriculture through the Office of the Secretary reserves the right to suspend and/or refuse acceptance of any importation/imports of the meat and meat products.

So Ordered.

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