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Administrative Order No. _2.0 Series of 2008

SUBJECT : IMPORTATION OF BUFFALO MEAT FROM INDIA

In accordance with the guidelines set by the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) on importation of Buffalo Meat and in order to provide the consuming public with safe, clean, high quality and cheaper meat, subject to the strict implementation of the specific guidelines to be issued by the National Meat Inspection Service:

"The Department of Agriculture hereby revive DA Administrative Order No. 1, Series of 1996 (January 12, 1996) allowing duly accredited and NMIS registered meat processors, meat traders, hotels and restaurants and other end users to import fresh frozen boneless and deglanded manufacturing grade and table cut buffalo meat."

The DA-NMIS shall closely monitor the utilization of the imported products by the importers in accordance with existing rules and regulations, but in no way shall the selling of said products in the public/wet markets be allowed.

This order shall take effect immediately and is subject to mandatory review after one year from the date of issuance.

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Secretary