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No. 20

Series of 2002

Subject: Omnibus Amendments to A.O. No. 5 Series of 2002

In view of the *Office International des Epizooties* (World Organisation for Animal Health) recognition of Visayas, Palawan and Masbate as additional FMD-free zones, the following italicized provisions shall be the amendments to Administrative Order No. 5, series of 2002, on the Revised Rules and Regulations on the Control and Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD):

1. The Introduction shall be amended by adding two Whereas Clauses as paragraphs 7 and 8, thus:

WHEREAS, Mindanao and Masbate-Palawan-Visayas were recognized as FMD free zones without vaccination by OIE last 30 May 2001 and 31 May 2002, respectively;

WHEREAS, there is a need to maintain the OIE recognition of Mindanao and Masbate-Palawan-Visayas as FMD free zones;

2. Section 5 on Shipment Restriction in Luzon shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 5. Shipment Restriction in Luzon

Paragraph 2

Shipment of any of the two possible sources of FMD virus and contamination as enumerated in Section 3 (nos. 1 and 2) is allowed among Masbate, Palawan, Visayas and Mindanao, subject to the provisions of Section 3.

Paragraph 3 (a)

FMD susceptible draft animals may be shipped from any point in Luzon to Bicol (Region V) except Masbate, Cagayan Valley (Region II) and island provinces of Region IV except Palawan provided the animals have an accompanying health certificate indicating that animals have been vaccinated at least twice against FMD; an "Authority to Ship" from BAI (permit authorizing the Provincial

Veterinarian to issue a shipping permit) and a shipping permit issued meat by the Provincial Veterinarian.

Paragraph 3 (b)

FMD susceptible breeder/fattener animals may be shipped from any point in Luzon to Bicol (Region V) except Masbate, Cagayan Valley (Region II) and island provinces of Region IV except Palawan. Same provisions as those for draft animals shall apply and the breeder/fattener animals must only come from accredited farms.

Paragraph 3 (c)

Locally sourced meat, which are fully processed or cooked may be shipped from any point in Luzon to Bicol (Region V), Cagayan Valley (Region II) and island provinces of Region IV provided there is an accompanying NMIC certificate and BAI permit.

Paragraph 3 (d)

Imported meat, their semi-processed and fully processed meat products may be shipped from any point in Luzon to Bicol (Region V), Cagayan Valley (Region II) and island provinces of Region IV provided they come from an accredited establishment and the semi-processed meat products have not been mixed with locally sourced meat during processing and storage. The shipment must have an accompanying NMIC certificate and BAI permit.

3. Section 7, on Shipment Restriction in the Visayas, is amended to read as follows:

Section 7. Shipment Restriction in the Visayas

Shipment of any of *the possible* sources of FMD virus and contamination as enumerated in Section 3 (nos. *1 to 5*) is allowed within the Visayas.

Shipment of the same is allowed from the Visayas to Mindanao, Palawan, Masbate and Luzon.

4. Section 8, on the Shipment of FMD Vaccines, is amended to read as follows:

Section 8. Shipment of FMD Vaccines

Shipment of FMD vaccines to *Masbate, Palawan, Visayas and Mindanao and other FMD free areas* is not allowed unless it is covered by a special permit from the Bureau of Animal Industry.

5. Section 12 on Loading/Unloading of FMD susceptible animals, meat, meat products and by products from/by shipping vessels, airline vessels and other common carriers as well as cargo forwarders, is amended to read as follows:

Section 12. Loading/Unloading of FMD susceptible animals, meat, meat products and by products from/by shipping vessels, airline vessels and other common carriers as well as cargo forwarders

Paragraph 2

Shipping lines originating from FMD affected areas and destined for *Masbate, Palawan, Visayas and Mindanao* and other FMD free areas shall see to it that all livestock vans or crates are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before loading. They shall also install footbaths at the foot of the stairs or gangplanks, and require all passengers to step on the footbaths as they board or disembark from the vessel.

Paragraph 3

Shipping lines docking at the ports of *Masbate, Palawan, Visayas and Mindanao* and other FMD free areas shall not source their food supply requirements – particularly meat and meat products from FMD affected areas – intended for the officers, crew and passengers. They shall also properly dispose of their garbage and swill in accordance with the recommendations of the DA- RFU VQS office in the port concerned.

Paragraph 4

All ships, airplanes, reefer vans and other transport carriers going to *Masbate, Palawan, Visayas and Mindanao* and other FMD free areas shall be subjected to pre-departure and arrival inspections by the DA- RFU VQS officers.

6. Section 13, on NMIC Certification, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 13. NMIC Certification

In addition to a shipping permit, meat and meat products bound for shipment to *Masbate, Palawan, Visayas and Mindanao* and other FMD free areas must be accompanied by a Certificate of Inspection issued by the NMIC, in accordance with existing rules and regulations. The certificate must certify to the wholesomeness of the products and that these have not been exposed to or contaminated with the FMD virus.

7. Section 14, on Transshipment of Imported Animals and Meat, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 14. Transshipment of Imported Animals and Meat

Paragraph 1 -

Imported FMD susceptible animals destined for *Masbate, Palawan, Visayas and Mindanao* and other FMD free areas may be transshipped through Luzon or Visayas; provided they must stay only at the port during transshipment to prevent any possible *infection* with the FMD virus.

Paragraph 2

Imported meat and meat products destined for *Masbate, Palawan, Visayas, Mindanao and other FMD free areas* may be transshipped through Luzon and kept temporarily in a storage facility duly accredited by the NMIC, BAI, and DA-RFU VQS of the recipient region in *Masbate, Palawan, Visayas, Mindanao and other FMD free areas*. The facility's accreditation is *renewable* every six months.

Paragraph 5

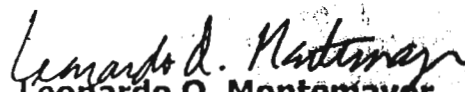
Only imported meat, which passed inspection by the Veterinary Quarantine Service at the port of entry, may be shipped to Mindanao, *Masbate, Palawan, Visayas and other FMD free areas*. Imported meat which needs further processing in Luzon before shipment to Mindanao, *Masbate, Palawan, Visayas and other FMD free areas* can only be processed in establishments duly accredited by a team from the NMIC, BAI and the DA-RFU VQS of the recipient region in *Palawan, Masbate, Visayas, Mindanao and other FMD free areas*. The firm's accreditation is renewable every six months.

8. Section 20 on the Effectivity Clause is hereby amended to read as follows:


Section 20. Effectivity Clause

This order shall take effect *fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper of general circulation*, and its filing with the UP Law Center.

Approved this 23rd day of August 2002 in Quezon City, Philippines.


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