

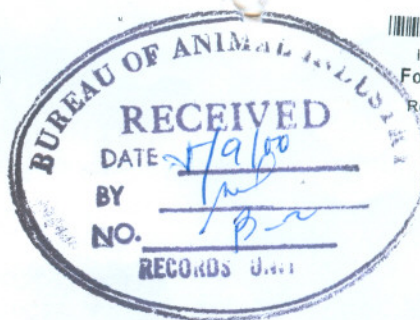


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SUBJECT: LIFTING THE TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM CATTLE FROM AUSTRIA, DENMARK, FINLAND, ITALY AND LUXEMBOURG

WHEREAS, the Governments of Austria, Denmark, Finland, Italy and Luxembourg were able to institute measures to contain the outbreak of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) and ensure food safety in their country;

WHEREAS, based on the evaluation of the Department of Agriculture, the risk of entry of BSE from importing meat and meat products derived from cattle from Austria, Denmark, Finland, Italy and Luxembourg is negligible;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN, Secretary of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby lift the temporary ban on the importation of meat and meat products derived from cattle from Austria, Denmark, Finland, Italy and Luxembourg thereby allowing the importation of the abovementioned products subject to the following conditions which shall be certified by the Veterinary Authority of the exporting countries:

1. The age of the slaughter cattle is not older than 30 months.
2. The beef should come only from healthy ambulatory and not downer cattle born and grown in Austria, Denmark, Finland, Italy and Luxembourg.
3. The meat and meat products derived from cattle shall be devoid of any nerves and other BSE specified risk materials (SRM).
4. The slaughter of the cattle and cutting/packaging of the beef is done in a meat facility used only for 30 months old and younger cattle.
5. The beef should not at anytime and in any manner get in contact or mixed with beef coming from cattle older than 30 months.

The slaughter date of the cattle or the production date of the beef shall be included in the packaging label.

All shipments into the country of beef originating from Austria, Denmark, Finland, Italy and Luxembourg not complying with these conditions shall be confiscated by DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major sea/airports.

All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

This **Order** shall take effect immediately.

DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN
Secretary



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