

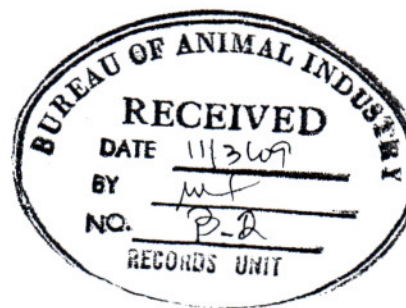


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**MEMORANDUM ORDER**

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Subject: **LIFTING THE TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF MEAT AND BONE MEAL FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**WHEREAS**, during the 77<sup>TH</sup> General Session of the Office International des Epizooties (OIE), the member countries adopted Resolution XXII, recognizing the United States of America (USA) as Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) controlled risk in accordance with Chapter 11.6 of the Terrestrial Code;

**WHEREAS**, the United States Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) finalized additional restrictions to the Feed Rule (USFDA-HHS 2008) with the implementation of the "cattle material prohibited from animal feed" (CMPAF) in all animal feed to decrease the risk of BSE in the USA;

**WHEREAS**, the USA rendering industry is regulated closely by state and federal agencies which routinely inspect rendering facilities for compliance with applicable regulations and finished product safety tolerances;

**WHEREAS**, meat and bone meal (MBM) and other animal protein products are regulated and verified by the USFDA for compliance with BSE - related regulations and chemical residue tolerances;

**WHEREAS**, the USA rendering industry uses internal controls to maintain biosecurity and ensures that the finished products are safe and in compliance with all state and federal regulations and tolerances;

**WHEREAS**, the USA currently exports MBM to Indonesia, Canada, , Europe, South Africa, Malaysia, China, Mexico, Ecuador, Bangladesh, Thailand and Vietnam.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ATTY. ARTHUR C. YAP**, Secretary of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby lift the temporary ban on the importation of MBM originating from the USA.

All import transactions of the above products shall be in accordance with the existing rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture and the Bureau of Animal Industry.

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Orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.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

**ATTY. ARTHUR C. YAP**  
Secretary