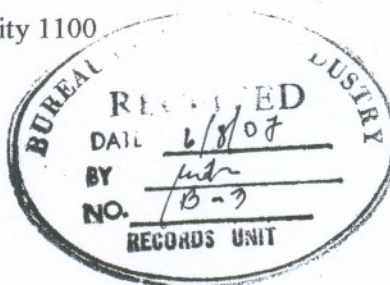




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MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 07
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Subject: **LIFTING THE TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF MEAT AND BONE MEAL FROM NEW ZEALAND**

WHEREAS, during the 72nd General Session of the Office International des Epizooties adopted Resolution XXI, recognizing New Zealand (NZ) as one of the member countries to be Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) free in accordance with Chapter 2.3.13 of the 13th edition of the Terrestrial Code (2004);

WHEREAS, during the Joint WHO/FAO/OIE Technical Consultation on BSE last June 14, 2001, it was recommended that ruminant Meat and Bone Meal (MBM) should not be fed in any case to ruminant animals, the feeding of ruminant protein to ruminants is prohibited in NZ;

WHEREAS, the MBM and other inedible products are regulated and verified by the New Zealand Food Safety Authority (NZFSA) and are processed under Risk Management Programmes, which include assessment of compliance with the source of raw materials, validation of processing parameters, inventory control, and prevention of cross contamination of the finished product;

WHEREAS, the processing parameters used in NZ MBM, blood meal, feather meal, and fish meal production are appropriate to mitigate against the hazards present in NZ relevant to human and animal health;

WHEREAS, NZFSA traceability and certification of export of these products are supported by internal eligibility documents and security features, to provide confidence in the authenticity and safety of NZ MBM;

WHEREAS, NZ currently exports MBM to USA, EU, Canada, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Taiwan and China;

WHEREAS, MBM to be imported from NZ should only be for poultry, pig, and aquaculture feed purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, 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 New Zealand.

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.

ARTHUR C. YAP
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