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FROM : LUIS P. LORENZO, JR. Secretary of Agriculture

SUBJECT

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF VETERINARY QUARANTINE CLEARANCE TO IMPORTERS WHO ARE USING THE PRIVATE/PUBLIC CUSTOMS BONDED WAREHOUSE AND OTHER WAREHOUSING FACILITY OF THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS

To assist the Bureau of Customs increase collection of duties from imported meat and meat products, the Department of Agriculture, hereby adopts the following guidelines to enhance the government tax monitoring system:

- 1. As a requirement for the issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance, all importers that have previously used the Private/Public Customs Bonded Warehouse in the processing of their documents for importation must henceforth submit the following documents:
 - 1.1 Report of utilization/liquidation of their importation from the Bureau of Customs;
 - 1.2 Certified True Copy of Customs Import Entry Revenue Declarations (IERDs); and
 - 1.3 Official receipt (original copy) of payment of previous importation duties/taxes.

All Duty Free Shops shall likewise submit the above enumerated as additional requirements in the processing of their VQC

3. The Veterinary Quarantine Officers (VQOs) at the Port of Entry shall immediately cease the issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Inspection Certificate (VQIC) to all imported meat, meat products and by-products which are intended to be released through the Private/Public Customs Bonded Warehouse or Duty Free Shops pending the submission of above stated documents to the Bureau of Animal Industry.

For immediate compliance. UIS P. LORENZO, JR. Secretary

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