

Administrative Order
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SUBJECT : IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES ON THE IMPORTATION OF FROZEN BEEF BLOCKS FROM HUA AN MEAT CO. LTD., AUTONOMOUS COUNTY OF DACHANG AND HE BEI FOODS, INC., PROVINCE OF HE BEI, THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA

In view of the favorable recommendation of the China Mission, which was recently undertaken by this Department, and pursuant to Section 18 and 48 (4) of Chapters 4 and 6, respectively of Title IV, Book IV of Executive Order No. 292, otherwise known as the Administrative Code of 1987, the following guidelines are hereby proscribed for the guidance of all concerned.

Article 1

Veterinary Requirements at the Country of Origin

Section 1. Source of Cattle - Fresh frozen beef blocks shall come from animals that:

- a) originated from Rinderpest free zones and where the disease has not been present for at least three (3) years
- b) originated from farms/ feedlots in which there has been no outbreak of Foot-and Mouth Disease in the premises within a radius of 25 kms. for 60 days; and
- c) have remained in the Autonomous County of Dachang and the Province of He Bei for at least three months and official veterinary controls are in operations.

Section 2. Transport of Cattle- The cattle shall be transported directly from within the Autonomous County of Dachang and the Province of He Bei, The Peoples Republic of China to the approved/ accredited slaughterhouses of Hua An Meat Co. Ltd. and He Bei Foods Inc. and were conveyed in a means of transport which has been cleaned and disinfected before loading.

Section 3. Pre- Slaughter Conditions - The cattle shall be slaughtered as soon as possible, and not later than 72 hours, after their arrival in the approved slaughterhouses of Hua An Meat Co. Ltd. and He Bei Foods Inc. which conforms to international standards.

Article II

Conditions Prior to Importation

Section 8. Application and Issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance / Permit- Prospective Importers shall file their application to import with the NMIC which shall accredit and recommend duly authorized importers of meat and meat products and after securing the necessary veterinary quarantine /health clearance from the BAI, process the issuance of the Veterinary Quarantine Clearance /Permit for approval by the Secretary of Agriculture or his duly authorized representatives

Section 9 . Who May Apply- Only accredited meat processor are allowed to import frozen meat blocks from Hua An Meat Co. Ltd., Autonomous County of Dachang and He Bei Foods Inc., Province of He Bei, The Peoples Republic of China.

Article III

Arrival Arrangements

Section 10 . Veterinary Quarantine Ports of Entry- Frozen meat blocks arriving at ports of entry shall be subject to existing BAI quarantine rules and regulations.

Section 11. Delivery and Release of Frozen Meat Blocks - The vehicle or means of transportation used in the delivery of meat from the port to meat plant shall be closed van with the flooring completely leak proof- Upon delivery, the meat shall be separated and clearly identified from the rest of the meat in the cold storage or warehouse only after inspection by the NMIC and the results of the laboratory examinations from the samples taken are officially reported.

Section 12. Disposal of Material Scraps- All the materials used for packaging shall be disposed of by burning to preclude possible spread of infection, and meat scraps should be collected for rendering or incineration under the supervision of NMIC personnel.

Section 13. Monitoring- NMIC personnel shall closely monitor the delivery and release of frozen meat blocks specially the handling of meat from the time of delivery until they are packed as finished product. The inspector shall submit periodic reports to the NMIC/BAI on the disposition of the importation.

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Article 11

Section 14. Repealing clause - all orders, rules, regulations or parts thereof, if any are consistent of this circular are hereby repealed or modified accordingly