

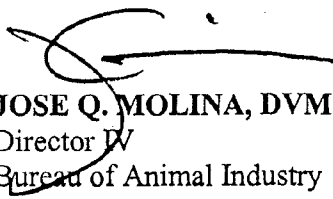


Republic of the Philippines
Department of Agriculture
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY
Diliman, Quezon City

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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

TO : ALL IMPORTERS OF PROCESSED DOG AND CATFOODS
PET FOODS

FROM : 
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SUBJECT : **Implementing Rules and Regulations for the DA Administrative Order No. 6, Series of 2002, Entitled Revised Guidelines in the Importation of Processed Dog & Cat Pet Foods.**

To carry out effectively the intent and purposes of the DA Administrative Order No. 6 dated 04 January 2002, regarding processed dog and cat pet food you are hereby informed:

1. That from the period of June 3, 2002 to December 31, 2002 only pet foods duly registered and approved by the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) shall be allowed for importation;
2. That from January 1, 2003 henceforth, only pet food duly registered and produced by manufacturing plants officially accredited by BAI, shall be allowed for importation;
3. That all importers for local distribution of processed dog and cat pet food supplied by foreign manufacturers shall apply for accreditation with the BAI. The bases of accreditation are the following requirements:
 - a. Duly accomplished and notarized application for accreditation of manufacturers of Dog & Cat Pet Foods (BAI-AFSD Form No. 4).
 - b. Name of Consultant/Veterinarian and credentials, e.g. professional license.
 - c. Laboratory capabilities.
 - d. List of equipments and specifications.
 - e. Test Animals (a facility should have at least 5 dogs or 5 cats).
4. That in line with aforementioned accreditation, a mandatory ocular inspection and evaluation of the foreign manufacturer's plant laboratory facilities and/or premises shall be conducted by the authorized representatives of the BAI and the cost of the same, shall be borne by the applicant exporter.

5. That a subsequent ocular inspection of the foreign manufacturer's plant and/or premises shall be conducted every two (2) years from the date of initial accreditation, whenever deemed by the BAI to be necessary.
6. That an import permit need not be secured for the importation of processed dog and cat pet food provided an International Veterinary Certificate duly issued by the exporting country's veterinary authority be first secured in lieu of the aforementioned import permit;
7. That the above-mentioned International Veterinary Certificate issued by the veterinary authority of the exporting country should attest to the following facts:
 - a. The pet food sought to be exported originates from duly accredited manufacturing plants by BAI;
 - b. The exporting country is free from BSE and the mammalian protein used therein is derived from animals born and bred in the said country;
 - c. The exporting country is free from Foot and Mouth Disease for the last six months prior to the date of export; and
 - d. The product sought to be exported, has undergone a manufacturing process that destroys infectious agents, packed in new and sterilized package and precautions were taken to prevent the recontamination of the end product.
8. That all importers shall submit regularly Importation Reports and photocopies of all pertinent shipping documents with the corresponding official receipts issued by the Quarantine Officer of BAI to the Animal Feeds Standard Division every 15th day of each month.
9. That all products imported pursuant to the aforementioned Administrative Order shall be subject to inspection and clearance, upon arrival thereof from shipment, by the Quarantine Officer of the BAI or his duly authorized representative. Failure to comply with the foregoing shall result in the revocation of the Importers registration.

For guidance and strict compliance.