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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
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**MEMORANDUM ORDER**  
 No. 11  
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Subject: **IMPLEMENTATION OF BSE CONTROLLED RISK MEASURES ON THE IMPORTATION OF MEAT FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND CANADA**

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**WHEREAS**, during the 75<sup>th</sup> General Session of the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) adopted Resolution XXIV, recognizing United States of America (USA) and Canada as countries with a controlled Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) risk in accordance with Chapter 2.3.13 of the 15<sup>th</sup> edition of the Terrestrial Code (2006);

**WHEREAS**, the beef imported from USA and CANADA is being regulated and verified by Food Safety and Inspection Service and Canadian Food Inspection Agency, respectively and processed under Specified Risk Materials (SRMs) Policy, which includes banning from human food supply all SRMs, strict process controls for establishments using advanced meat recovery (AMR) systems, banning non-ambulatory cattle from entering the human food supply, holding of carcass of any animal chosen for testing out of the food supply until the test is confirmed negative and the prohibition of air-injection stunning of cattle;

**WHEREAS**, both countries conduct verification procedures to ensure that the food safety plans are being followed and critical elements necessary to ensure food safety are being accomplished;

**WHEREAS**, both countries strictly prohibit feeding of ruminant protein to cattle;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines currently allowed importation of deboned and deglarded beef sourced from cattle not older than thirty (30) months from the USA and Canada.

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to prevent the entry of BSE into the country.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARTHUR C. YAP**, Secretary of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby authorize the importation of beef from the USA and Canada with the following conditions:

1. Only boneless beef can be sourced from cattle of all ages while bone-in beef can be sourced from cattle under thirty (30) months;
2. Beef, whether boneless or bone-in should be devoid of SRMs;
3. Beef, whether boneless or bone-in should come only from healthy ambulatory and not downer cattle.
4. The age of the slaughter cattle shall be certified by the USDA or CFIA.
5. The production date or slaughter date of the beef shall be included in the packaging label.

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.

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