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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

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SUBJECT: REVISED SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY NATIONAL MEAT INSPECTION SERVICE RELATIVE TO THE ACCREDITATION OF FOREIGN MEAT ESTABLISHMENTS INCLUDING MEAT IMPORTERS, TRADERS, AND BROKERS OR HANDLERS OF IMPORTED MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS.

WHEREAS, under Section 3-c of Republic Act No. 7394, as amended, otherwise known as the "Consumer Act of the Philippines", the National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS) is authorized to levy, assess, collect and retain fees as are necessary to cover the cost of inspection, certification, analysis and test of samples of agricultural products and materials submitted;

WHEREAS, under Section 46 of the Republic Act No. 9296, otherwise known as "The Meat Inspection Code of the Philippines", the Secretary of Agriculture, by way of regulation, shall prescribe and charge such reasonable fees for services rendered by the NMIS;

WHEREAS, Section 46.1 of RA No. 9296, services rendered by NMIS, such as but not limited to accreditation, laboratory examination and certification, shall be charged reasonable fees, the rates of which are set by the Secretary through an Administrative Order;

WHEREAS, under Section 1 (1.4) of Administrative Order No. 16, Series of 2006, or "The Pre-Border Measures for the Export of Meat and Meat Products to the Philippines", the Department of Agriculture is authorized to collect application fee from applicant countries to cover the processing and administrative expenses of their application;

WHEREAS, Section 1 (1.15) of AO No. 16, Series of 2006, provides that the fund collected from fees paid by the applicant, relative to their application for accreditation to export meat and meat products to the Philippines, shall be deposited to the NMIS Trust Fund as a special account for the sole purpose of financing activities relevant to accreditation and audit;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARTHUR C. YAP, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, do hereby issue this Order, prescribing the fees and charges for services rendered by the National Meat Inspection Service to cover the cost of processing of application, accreditation, certification and other administrative cost of the above-cited activities, EXCEPT, those expenses to be incurred in the actual inspection, evaluation and audit of the applicants or establishments.

A. FOREIGN MEAT ESTABLISHMENT (FME)

ENTITIES	SCHEDULE OF FEES (Processing and Administrative Cost)	VALIDITY OF CERTIFICATE
1. Meat Processing Plant	US\$250.00	Section VII-4 of AO 16, S2006
2. Poultry Dressing Plant	US\$250.00	-do-
3. Slaughterhouse Plant	US\$250.00	-do-
4. Meat Packing Plant	US\$250.00	-do-
4. Cold Storage Plant	US\$250.00	-do-

B. MEAT and MEAT PRODUCT IMPORTER.

ENTITIES	SCHEDULE OF FEES (Processing and Administrative Cost)	VALIDITY OF CERTIFICATE
1. Meat Processor	P2,000.00	One (1) Year
2. Meat Trader	P2,000.00	One (1) Year
3. Hotels, Restaurants, Airlines, Shipping Lines that caters for their own utilization	P2,000.00	One (1) Year
4. Other Institutional Users that caters also for their own use	P2,000.00	One (1) Year

C. MEAT and MEAT PRODUCT BROKER

ENTITIES	SCHEDULE OF FEES (Processing and Administrative Cost)	VALIDITY OF CERTIFICATE
1. Meat Broker	P2,000.00	One (1) Year
2. Other Meat Handlers	P2,000.00	One (1) Year

All expenses to be incurred by the Department of Agriculture Inspection Mission under Administrative Order No. 16, Series of 2006, shall be shouldered by the foreign meat establishment to be inspected, evaluated or audited.

All orders and issuances or parts thereof that are inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked or amended accordingly.

This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.



ARTHUR C. YAP
Secretary