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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
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SUBJECT: ADDRESSING THE CURRENT SITUATION AFFECTING LGU OPERATED SLAUGHTERHOUSES THROUGH THE ADOPTION OF GOOD HYGIENIC SLAUGHTERING PRACTICES (GHSP)

WHEREAS, there are 817 LGU operated slaughterhouses throughout the country of which only 13% have complied with the national standards for accreditation;

WHEREAS, under Republic Act No 6975, otherwise known as the Department of the Interior and Local Government Act of 1990, the Department of the Interior and Local Government is mandated to assist the President in the exercise of general supervision over local government units (LGUs), and as such advises the President in promulgating policies, rules and regulations on general supervisions over the LGUs and on public order and safety;

WHEREAS, Administrative Order No 267 S 1992, delegated to DILG the authority of the President to supervise directly the provinces, highly urbanized cities (HUC) and independent component cities (ICC); through the province in case of component cities and municipalities; and thru the city and municipality in case of barangays;

WHEREAS, under the Republic Act No 9296, the Meat Inspection Board was created wherein the Secretary of Department of Agriculture acts as Chairperson and Department of Interior and Local Government –Bureau of Local Government Development (DILG-BLGD) and National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS) are members;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Units, pursuant to the provisions of Republic Act 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code and Executive Order No 137 shall regulate the construction, meat inspection, management and operation of slaughterhouses, meat inspection, meat transport and post-abattoir control in accordance with the national policies, procedures, guidelines; rules and regulations and quality and safety standards;

WHEREAS, a 10 year Strategic Action Plan and Program (SAPP) was designed by the National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS) based on the results of its assessment on the present system of meat control of the local government units in the Philippines. The vision of SAPP is to develop the local meat control system that is compliant with the national standards, responsive to the needs of stakeholders and pursues the objective of protecting the health and welfare of the consumers. The SAPP envisages and seeks to establish the following six-prong strategic goals: 1. Stronger Meat Control Management; 2. Promoting cooperation in crafting and

implementation, monitoring and assessing the impact of meat legislation; 3. Promoting Consistent Meat Inspection and Traceback; 4. Promoting Enforcement; 5. Promoting Meat Control Laboratories; and 6. Promoting Maximum and Effective Information, Education and Communication (IEC) and Training. The SAPP is expected to boost the LGUs' performance in making significant contributions in Philippine Meat Control System development resulting to a 5% increase of accreditation rate of slaughterhouses every year beginning 2014;

WHEREAS, Section 15 of the Republic Act No. 9296, otherwise known as "*The Meat Inspection Code of the Philippines*", and its Implementing Rules and Regulations under DA Administrative Order No. 28 Series of 2005, stated that the National Meat Inspection Service shall have the responsibility to ensure, and to enforce, that the meat establishments are operated in accordance with hygienic requirements;

WHEREAS, Rule 43.1 of IRR of RA 9296, acknowledged that all meat establishments shall adopt Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) and Sanitation Standards Operating Procedures (SSOP) programs in the whole process of production, storage and distribution of their products;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ATTY ARTHUR C. YAP, Secretary of Agriculture, do hereby issue this Order, requiring all locally registered (unaccredited) meat establishments to adopt the Good Hygienic Slaughtering Practices (GHSP). The DA-National Meat Inspection Service shall issue implementing guidelines to this effect.


This order shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Done in Manila City, this 16th day of November, 2009.


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