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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR No. 9-2003-04

TO : **ALL-CONCERNED**

FROM : 
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Executive Director

SUBJECT : **CLARIFICATORY STATEMENT ON MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR No. 6-2003-02 RE: COLLECTION OF FEES ON IMPORTED MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS**

DATE : 18 September 2003

Pursuant to Memorandum Orders No. 20 (Lifting the Suspension of the Collection of Fees on Imported Meat and Meat Products) and 21 (Guidelines in the Collection of Fees on Imported Meat and Meat Products) whereby Secretary Luis P. Lorenzo, Jr. ordered the National Meat Inspection Commission, through its regional offices, to immediately implement said Orders, Memorandum Circular No. 6-2003-02 was issued by this Office.

Item A (2) of NMIC Memorandum Order No. 21, series of 2003 states that:

A. *IMPORTERS*

1. *xxxxx*

2. *That the importer shall pay/settle their accounts immediately to NMIC prior to the release of their products at the port of entry.*

which must be read in the context from where Item C (1) on Veterinary Quarantine Services of said Circular was set and specifically provides:

1. *That the inspection fee or Official Receipt issued to the importer by NMIC shall be one of the pre-requisite to the issuance of succeeding Veterinary Quarantine Inspection Certificate (VQIC) to importers.*

The term "succeeding" must be read in conjunction with Memorandum Order No. 21, series of 2003, Item A (2) to mean that after the issuance of the Official Receipt by the NMIC to the importer, it refers to the **next step** in the processing of document of a particular shipment. Hence, for each shipment transaction, the importer is required to pay the particular inspection fee as evidenced by an Official Receipt issued by NMIC.

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