

## REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NATIONAL MEAT INSPECTION COMMISSION

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## MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 11-2000 - 06

TO

ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS

FROM

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Executive Director

SUBJECT

GUIDELINES IN THE DISPOSAL OF LABORATORY

MEAT SAMPLES

DATE

November 4, 2003

In view of the need for a smooth disposal of meat samples received and analyzed in our laboratories, the following guidelines are hereby issued for adoption in your respective areas, to wit:

- Meat or meat product samples found negative for pathogenic microorganisms, parasitic lesions and other abnormalities, which are still fit for human consumption, may be disposed of as soon as the laboratory results have been released.
- 2. Meat samples, whether fresh, frozen or processed found to be positive for pathogenic microorganisms, parasitic lesions and other abnormalities shall be held in a separate storage freezer. After the lot from where the samples are taken has been disposed of, such meat samples shall likewise be disposed of either by burying, incineration or denaturing.
- All meat samples involved in court litigation shall be kept under laboratory custody except when the court decides otherwise or until the case is resolved with finality.
- Disposal of meat samples shall be under the supervision of the Laboratory Services Division counterpart in the presence of the Regional Administrative Officer.

For strict compliance.

