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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 16**

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Subject: **RULES GOVERNING THE IMPORTATION OF LIVE CATTLE FROM BRAZIL**

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WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture conducted an inspection and evaluation of animal health status and bovine production system of Brazil for possible accreditation to export live cattle to the Philippines;

WHEREAS, after thorough evaluation, the Department of Agriculture found favorable conditions that merit allowing the importation of live cattle from Brazil;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I ARTHUR C. YAP**, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, by the power vested in me by law, do hereby issue this order granting accreditation to Brazil to export live cattle into the Philippines, subject to the following conditions:

1. The minimum requirements set by the OIE especially in relation to the List A and B diseases present in Brazil on the importation of live cattle shall be followed;
2. Only cattle from FMD-free areas of Brazil will be allowed for importation;
3. Imported cattle shall be allowed only to FMD endemic areas in the Philippines where vaccination is practiced;
4. There will be a separate protocol on the importation of feeder and breeder cattle, imported feeder cattle shall be for slaughter purposes only and shall not be used in any case as a breeder animals; and
5. There should be a veterinary quarantine officer from the Philippines to undertake a pre-shipment quarantine of at least thirty (30) days and witness the loading of cattle at the port of embarkation to examine any clinical signs of diseases in cattle and other necessary documents for the export of cattle into the Philippines.

All importation of live cattle shall be accompanied by a Veterinary Quarantine Clearance (VQC) to import signed by the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture or his duly authorized representative and have complied with the rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture.

All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.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.

**ARTHUR C. YAP**  
**Secretary**