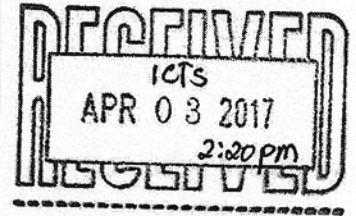




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MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 16
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SUBJECT: AMENDMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 4, SERIES OF 2017 ENTITLED "TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD BIRDS AND THEIR PRODUCTS INCLUDING POULTRY MEAT, DAY OLD CHICKS, EGGS AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM NETHERLANDS"

WHEREAS, it is the priority of the Government to protect its borders and territories from the entry, establishment and spread of animal diseases that may be introduced by the importation of disease-carrying, contaminated, or adulterated meat and meat products, which may endanger the lives, safety and health of the consuming public, pose risk to animal health, and potentially cause serious economic consequences;

WHEREAS, Department of Agriculture (DA) Memorandum Order (MO) No. 4, Series of 2017 dated January 6, 2017 was issued to temporary ban the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products including poultry meat, day old chicks, eggs, and semen originating from Netherlands;

WHEREAS, the meat importer processors (MIPs) through the Philippine Association of Meat Processors Incorporated (PAMPI) requested to import meat materials for processing from areas declared free from Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Virus (HPAIV) during the last 90 days by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE);

WHEREAS, a joint team from the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) and National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS), Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF), conducted an evaluation of selected meat processing plants (MPPs) and reported the availability of thermal processing equipment in the facility;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, by the power vested in me, do hereby issue this Memorandum Order granting the request of the meat importer processors (MIPs) with thermal processing equipment to import mechanically separated meat (MSM) for processing from OIE declared free areas from Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Virus (HPAIV) during the past 21 days in the Netherlands subject to the following:

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The source of poultry is from a zone/compartiment of Netherlands free from HPAIV since they were hatched or for at least the past 21 days.
2. The poultry has been slaughtered in an approved abattoir in a zone/compartiment of Netherlands free from HPAIV, have been subjected to ante- and post-mortem inspections in accordance with OIE TAHC Chapter 6.2 and have been found free of any signs suggestive of avian influenza (Annex A).
3. The Chief Veterinary Authority (CVA) of Netherlands shall attest in the International Veterinary Certificate (IVC) that each consignment of MSM must meet the conditions provided in Chapter 10.4 of the OIE TAHC 2016 (Annex B).
4. Each consignment must be tested for HPAIV detection in meat using Real-Time Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT PCR) from a certified laboratory of the CVA of Netherlands.
5. Only Accredited MIPs that were subjected to the evaluation by the IATF on HPAIV and complied with the requirements shall be allowed to import from HPAIV-free zones in Netherlands (Annex C).
6. The MIP shall submit a monthly utilization report prior to the approval and issuance of succeeding Sanitary and Phytosanitary Import Clearance (SPSIC).
7. The MSM shall only be used for Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) certified products meeting the thermal process recommended by the OIE.

	Core temperature (°C)	Time
Poultry meat	60.0	507 seconds
	65.0	42 seconds
	70.0	3.5 seconds
	73.9	0.51 second

8. To reduce risk, all consignment shall be stored in one centralized DA accredited Cold Storage Warehouse (CSW) identified by the MIP which will be dedicated purely to the storage of MSM from Netherlands.
9. Establish a program for monitoring of the processing of MSM and surveillance for HPAIV. The NMIS Plant Officer will do monitoring and surveillance and collection of samples for laboratory analysis.
10. The MIP plants shall include in their Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) manual clear written procedure for the proper disinfection of the packaging material and condemnation of attached meat thereat and wastages. The prescribed disinfectants and condemnation process as seen in the Annex 1 and 2 of the DA BAI Avian Influenza Protection Program Manual of Procedures 2016 shall be followed.

This ORDER shall take effect immediately.

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Secretary

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