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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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SUBJECT: FOREIGN TRANSSHIPMENT OF FROZEN MEAT PRODUCTS AND BY-PRODUCTS

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) through its National Veterinary Quarantine Services Division (NVQSD) is mandated to set up a quarantine inspection system relative to inter-regional and international movement of animals, and animal products together with their documentation and issuance of permit and commodity clearance pursuant to Section 5, Act No. 3639 and Section 26, Executive Order No. 338, Series of 2001, in order to prevent the entry of exotic diseases and the spread of endemic diseases in the country;

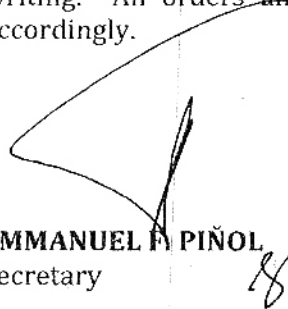
WHEREAS, the international movement of animal products and by-products through transshipment with the Philippines as an intermediate destination requires permit or clearance from the NVQSD to accompany the consigned goods or cargo as prescribed in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) Article 5.4.6 and 5.7.3. "Animal Health Measures Applicable Before, At Departure and On Arrival";

WHEREAS, in the light of the requests from some locators in the economic zones to allow opening and transfer of transshipped frozen meat products from refrigerated container vans to a foreign reefer boat which "sail immediately out of the Philippines to foreign port of destination", there is a compelling need to issue a directive on transshipment of frozen meat products and by-products, so as to prevent the possibility of unloading it to other Philippine ports thereby increasing the risk for disease to spread due to contamination or mishandling;

NOW THEREFORE, I, EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL, Secretary of Agriculture, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order that transshipment of animal products and by-products, especially frozen meat is allowed provided that the container vans they are loaded during transit or transfer shall remain locked and sealed at all times from arrival into the Philippines until their departure to another country of destination.

The opening of container is strictly prohibited, no content of which shall be unloaded at anytime or on any other circumstances while it is still in the transshipment port. Any violation of this order shall subject the goods to immediate confiscation and disposition pursuant to Section X (B) (B.1), DA Administrative Order No. 26, Series of 2005.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until revoked in writing. All orders and memoranda inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked or amended accordingly.


EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL
Secretary